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Births.

FALLOON.—March 26, at Avenel, Waverley, the wife of William Ruthven Falloon, of a daughter.

SMALL.—March 27, at her residence, Small's-road, Marsfield, the wife of Henry T. Small, of a daughter.

WALSH.—March 20, 1898, at her residence, Kanowna, near Kalgoorlie, the wife of J. Walsh, late of Sydney, of a daughter, both doing well.

Marriages.

BIBBING—GORTON.—March 30, 1898, at St. Barnabas' Church, by the Rev. William Martin, M.A., Charles William Bibbing, of Bristol, England, to Charlotte Martha (Charlie), daughter of the late George Gorton, of Coneac Station, N.S.W.

INGRAM—ANDERSON.—February 22, at St. Columb's, Hawthorn, Vic., by the Rev. Carey Ward, Francis George Ingram, Chatswood, to Lucene Jane, only daughter of the late George Anderson, of Castlemaine.

SILK—ATKIN.—March 17, at St. Joseph's Church, East Maitland, by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, Thomas W. Silk to Kate Atkin.

Deaths.

HAWES.—February 19, at Helstone, Hornsey Rise, Mary Allen, widow of the late William Hawes, Esq., of Walthamstow, and 79 Leadenhall-street, London, E.C., in her 78th year.

HENRY.—March 29, at Walgett, of enteric fever, Joseph Edmund Oram Henry, M.B., Ch.M., third son of the late James Henry, of Sydney, and brother of Drs. T. J. Henry, of Grafton, and A. G. Henry, of Callan Park.

HUGHES.—March 29, at her residence, 24 Cleveland and Shepherd streets, Darlington, Jane, the beloved mother of Nellie Hughes, aged 61. R.I.P.

LONGFIELD.—March 29, in the 93rd year of her age, Henrietta Elizabeth Dorothea, relict of the late John Longfield, sen.

MURRAY.—March 30, at Liverpool, George Murray, aged 65.

MURRAY.—March 30, at Forbesville, Liverpool, George Murray, aged 65 years.

PERRY.—March 30, Charles Julius, beloved husband of Myra K. Perry, Richmond. Funeral at 2, This Thursday, Richmond Cemetery.

PINCHBECK.—March 30, 1898, at the Sydney Hospital, Edward J. Pinchbeck, aged 28 years.

REDMAN.—March 29, at the Sydney Hospital, Henry Levesly, second youngest son of the late Joseph Redman, of the District Court, and nephew of the late William Redman, solicitor.

SHARP.—March 30, at his residence, 43 Watkin-street, Newtown, John Sheppard Sharp, carriage trimmer, late of Dulwich Hill, aged 50 years. Rest.

In Memoriam.

CHAPMAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Mr. A. W. Chapman, who died 31st March, 1892. Inserted by his fond wife and children.

HAYES.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear brother, Thomas Hayes, who died at Mitchell's-road, Alexandria, March 31, 1897. May he rest in peace. Inserted by his loving sisters, E. Murphy and M. Hayes.

FAREBROTHER.—In sad but loving remembrance of the late Ferdinand William Farebrother, who departed this life March 31st, 1897, aged 47 years. Inserted by his affectionate wife and children. Home papers please copy.

MILLAR.—In affectionate remembrance of my beloved wife, Delitha Millar, who departed this life March 29th, 1891. Inserted by her husband.

O'MALEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William, who died of typhoid fever at Bucknell-street, Newtown, March 31, 1896. Inserted by his loving wife.

PIGGOTT.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Piggott, who died March 31st, 1897. With Christ.

THOMPSON.—In remembrance of our dear mother, Ada Thompson, who died 31st March, 1897, aged 43 years. Inserted by her loving daughters, Lyla and Ada. Dead but not forgotten.

THOMPSON.—In loving remembrance of my late dear wife, Ada, who departed this life March 31st, 1897. Inserted by her sorrowing husband, William Thompson. Gone to rest.

WHITE.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear brother, Francis David White (Dave), who died in Sydney, March 30, 1896. Inserted by his sister, Mrs. G. H. Macniven, Coolgardie, W.A.

WHITE.—In sad and loving memory of my dear sister, Teresa Gertrude White, who departed this life on 31st March, 1897. Inserted by her loving sister, E. Mulroney. R.I.P.

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*OROTAVA	5857	J. Linklater	Apl. 27	May 3	May 5
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BRISBANE ... Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., April 1; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., April 5
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BUNDABERG ... Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., April 5
GLADSTONE ... Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., April 5
GLADSTONE (Meat Works Wharf) ... Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., April 1
ROCKHAMPTON ... Eurimbla, Friday, 5 p.m., April 1; Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., April 5
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THURSDAY ISLD., NORMANTON, BURKETOWN ... Arawatta, Tues., 5 p.m., April 12 (Change at Cooktown).
SUVA, LEVUKA } FIJI ... Birksgate, Wednesday, April 27
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H. CONIGRAVE, Secretary.
Adelaide, March 23, 1898.
P.S.—Country and intercolonial cheques MUST have exchange added, and registered and consecutive numbers of shares MUST be given.

GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND (the 29th) of One Shilling per share, payable at the Company's Office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, on and after THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of March, 1898.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the twenty-sixth day of March to the thirty-first day of March.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.

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Transfer Books will close in Melbourne on SATURDAY, 9th April, 1898, at 12 noon.
By order of the Board.
RICHARD FORD, Manager.
60 Queen-street, Melbourne, 29th March, 1898.

THE QUEENSLAND MENZIES GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that DIVIDEND No. 9 of Sixpence per share has been DECLARED, payable 15th April next.
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GEORGE and BARRACK-STREETS, SYDNEY.

Legal Notices.

NOTICE TO JURORS.
The JURORS summoned to attend the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY will not be required until TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9.45.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARIA KILCRAN, late of Mudgee, in the colony of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby requested to come in before me at my said office on or before the 6th day of May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this 30th day of March, A.D. 1898. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar. O. E. NORRIS, Proctor, Mudgee. By HENRY SALWEY, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of WILLIAM MARTIN TRENERRY, late of Picton, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 4th day of May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 30th day of March, A.D. 1898. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar. A. S. PERKS, Proctor, Picton. By HENRY SALWEY, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN NADIN late of Orristmeares, near Candelo, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-seventh day of April, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto: otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated at Sydney this eighteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. R. C. MONDAY (seal), Deputy Registrar. WILLIAM T. J. CURTIS, Proctor for Executor. By his Agents, M'DONELL and MOFFITT, 355 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN BROWN WATT, formerly of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, late of Bournemouth, in the county of Hants, England, Merchant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate with Exemplification of Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased annexed may be granted to WALTER CUMMING WATT, WILLIAM HOLDEN WATT, and EDWARD WILLIAM KNOX, three of the Executors named in the said Will; leave being reserved to WILLIAM OSWALD GILCHRIST and ERNEST ALEXANDER STUART WATT, the other Executors named in the said Will, to come in and prove. WILLIAM MANDEVILLE BARKER, Proctor for the Executors, No. 1 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN CUSACK, late of Paddington, in the colony of Western Australia, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in the colony of Western Australia in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court, and all claims against the said Estate must be sent in to the Executor, to the care of the undersigned, within fourteen days of the publication hereof. BENJAMIN DAVID SWEETLAND, Proctor for Applicant, Junee. By his Agent, F. R. COWPER, 114A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH ALCORN, late of Clare Hill, Shellharbour, in the district of Kiama and colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM COUGHRAN, the sole Executor therein named. KIERAN RYAN, Proctor for the Executor, Kiama. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GRACE GORDON, late of North Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES TAYLOR, the Executor named in the said Will.
NORTON, SMITH, and CO., Proctors for the Executor, 2 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY DEWEY the Elder, late of Growee, near Rylstone, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed may be granted to HENRY DEWEY, AUGUSTINE DEWEY, and CHARLES DAVIS, the Executors named in the said Will. CHARLES D. MEARES, Proctor, Mudgee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM PATEY PEEK, late of Mittagong, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALEXANDER CUMMING and JANE ALICE JACKSON, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will. AITKEN and AITKEN, Proctors for the Executor and Executrix, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

NEW RULES of COURT under the Small Debts Act, in force from 1st April, 1898, are embodied in Addison and Thomson's Small Debts and Bills of Sale Act. Price 12s, by post 10s. HAYES BROS., 55 and 57 Elizabeth-st.

SATURDAY NEXT.—Attend Sale of Havilah Estate, Chatswood, 3 p.m. Hugh Duff and Co., auctioneers.

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LOST, Gold BROOCH, 2 bars, 3 pearls. Cleveland or Harris sts. Reward, 179 Rose-st., Darlington.

LOST, RIM of Gun Metal Watch, with glass. Tuke, News Agent, Darling Point.

LOST, Pug Puppy DOG, followed man Little Bourke-st. yesterday; reward. 413 Bourke-st., Surry Hills.

LOST, Gold BROOCH, with S. M. on it, and Chain; liberal reward. Inv. Clerk, M'Ewan and Co., Hay-st.

LOST, Sunday, Silver Coin BROOCH, name on back. Reward, A. A. Sander, 35 Market-st.

LOST, coming from Newtown, Tar aulin and Oilskin, br. C. J. M'Caffery. Rew., 151 Brougham-st., Wmloo.

LOST this morning Headache, now that I stick to Dickens' Whisky.

LOST, 12th instant, Broken-haired TERRIER, from Randwick, £1 reward.
Elma,
William-street, Randwick, near Racecourse.

LOST, yesterday, in front of the grand stand, Ladies' Cricket Association TICKET, my name endorsed thereon. Finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the Metropole, or Tooth and Co., Limited. J. FOGG.

REWARD.—LOST, Gold Curb CHAIN and PADLOCK, between Bay-street and Huddart Parker's Wharf. Mrs. MURPHY,
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ASHFIELD POUND.—Two Mares, one Horse, to be sold this day, noon. Hugh Howie.

FOUND, Red and White St. Bernard SLUT. May be had by paying expenses. Wilkinson, Flat, Alexandria.

FOUND, Silver Watch and Chain in Hereford-st. 'bus on the 22nd. Apply C. Cook, Marchant's Beer Factory.

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STRAYED into my premises, 29th inst., brown Collie DOG; owner call. Steadman, 161 Darling-st., Balmn.

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Government Railways.

EXCURSION TRIPS TO HAWKESBURY RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.

TRAINS leave Sydney at 9 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m.
The River Trip will occupy five hours.
Seventy miles by rail and 30 by steamer.
RETURN FARES, including Steamer Trip: FIRST-CLASS, 5s 6d; SECOND-CLASS, 3s 6d.
SPECIAL TRIP on WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL.

HAWKESBURY RACES AT CLARENDON, SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1898.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney for Clarendon as follows:—For horses, 10.15 a.m.; first and second class, 11.10 a.m.; second-class, 11.50 a.m.; first-class, 12.25 p.m.; and will return from Clarendon to Sydney immediately after the finish of the races.
RETURN FARES, Sydney to Clarendon, by Special Trains, 6s 6d first-class, 3s 9d second-class.
Tickets at Holiday Excursion rates will be issued to Windsor, Clarendon, and Richmond by ordinary trains on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 1st and 2nd APRIL.
By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusements.

MR. ROBERT KENNEDY, the SCOTTISH VOCALIST AND ENTERTAINER (recently returned from a splendid tour in the "Auld Countrie"), WILL GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES IN THE CENTENNIAL HALL on EASTER SATURDAY AND EASTER MONDAY.
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P. O'MARA, Secretary.

MOOREFIELD PONY RACES TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
FIRST RACE STARTS AT 2.10 P.M.
TRAINS TO KOGARAH:
Horse Boxes, 11.50 a.m.
Ordinary, 12.10, 1.10, 2.10 p.m.
Special, 1.0, 1.25 p.m.
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LILLIE BRIDGE PONY RACES, MONDAY NIGHT.
Prog.—13.0 W. W., Sp. W. 12.3 (3 f.), 14.3 (4 f.), 13.1 W. W., Sp. W. 13.0 (3 f.), L. B. Hdcp., all heights (5 f.). Entries Close TO-MORROW, 5 p.m.

CANTERBURY PARK RACES.
PONY and GALLOWAY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1898.
Park Stakes (15.0), 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.
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NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

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Duet—"Sonata in B flat major" ... Mozart (Violin and Piano.) Miss NORA CLENCH and Signor SEPPILLI.
Romance, "The Tempest of the Heart" ("Trovatore") ... Verdi. Mr. WILLIAM PAULL.
Song, "Alas, those Chimes" ("Maritana") ... Vincent Wallace. Miss SARAH BERRY.
Scena, "Qui la Voce" ("Puritani") Bellini. MADAME ALBANI.
Solo, Violin—"Airs Russes" ... Wieniawski. Miss NORA CLENCH.
Romance—"O Vision Entrancing" ("Esmeralda") ... Goring Thomas. Mr. ORLANDO HARLEY.
Air—"Sweet Bird" ("Il Penseroso") Handel. MADAME ALBANI. FLUTE OBBLIGATO, Mr. JOHN LEMMONE.

Interval of Five Minutes.
PART II.
Ballad—"The Distant Shore" ... Sullivan. Mr. ORLANDO HARLEY.
Air—"Sleep, Baby Sleep" ... Arthur Somervell. Miss SARAH BERRY.
Ballad—"Dearest Eyes" ... Pinsuti. Mr. WILLIAM PAULL.
Songs { a "Slumber Song" ... L. Lemon; b "Chant Venetien" ... Bemberg. MADAME ALBANI.
Solo, Violin—"Hungarian Dances" ... Brahms-Joachim. Miss NORA CLENCH.
Duet—"Night Hymn at Sea" ... Goring Thomas. Miss SARAH BERRY and Mr. WILLIAM PAULL.
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To the Owners of the Undermentioned Properties.
NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the Municipalities Act of 1897, an Assessment has been made upon the properties hereunder described, and that a GENERAL RATE of ONE SHILLING in the POUND upon the assessed value thereof has been duly levied for the current municipal year.
A COURT of PETTY SESSIONS for the hearing of Appeals against such assessment will be held at the Liverpool Police Court on THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 1898.
Notice of intention to appeal must be in writing, and lodged with the Council Clerk, Council-chambers, Liverpool-road, Bankstown, seven days at least before the holding of the said Court.
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RICHARD PEEK, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Bankstown, 23rd March, 1898.

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Meetings.

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A MEETING of the General Committee of the above Association will be held at Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, Boardroom, THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.
The Hon. EDMUND BARTON, M.L.C., will preside.
All Members of the Association and those desirous of joining are cordially invited.
BUSINESS IMPORTANT.
W. H. B. PIDDINGTON, Hon. Secretary, 10 Union Bank-chambers, Pitt-street.

FEDERATION. Town Hall, Newtown. FRIDAY, 8 p.m. Hon. EDMUND BARTON, on "The Australian Constitution of 1898."

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY. Established 1849.
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Annual MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, 13th May, 1898, for the purpose of
1. Receiving the Report of the Directors on the Business of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1897.
2. Electing Two Directors in lieu of J. R. Hill, Esq., and Joseph Abbott, Esq., who retire in terms of bylaw 16, but are eligible for re-election.
3. Electing an Auditor in lieu of T. F. H. Mackenzie, Esq., who retires in terms of bylaw 28, but is eligible for re-election.
4. Declaring the amount of divisible surplus for the year ended 31st December, 1897.
The bylaws provide that no member shall at any annual meeting be eligible for election to the office of Director or Auditor unless notice in writing of his being a candidate shall have been given to the Board or to the Secretary at least 30 clear days previous to such meeting.
By order of the Board.
RICHARD TEECE, General Manager.
Head Office: 87 Pitt-street, Sydney, March 22nd, 1898.

NEW SOUTH WALES ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
The Annual MEETING of the New South Wales Zoological Society will be held at Aarons's Exchange Hotel on THURSDAY, the 31st March, at 4 p.m.
W. H. CATLETT, Secretary.
26th March, 1898.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMBER OF MINES.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary MONTHLY MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at the OFFICE, Equitable-building, George-street, THIS EVENING, 31st March, 1898, at 8 o'clock.
J. S. LOW, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION. Public MEETING, Town Hall, Parramatta, TO-NIGHT, 8 o'clock, to form First Aid Classes. A Demonstration will be given. Public invited.

PROTECTION for Paddington.—Public Meeting, St. George's School Hall, Glenmore-rd., This (Thursday) Evg., at 8. Chairman, The Mayor of Pad'ton (Ald. T. J. West). Mr. J. Perry, M.L.A., and others will speak.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the NEWTOWN BOWLING CLUB will be held on THURSDAY, the 7th April next, at the Town Hall, Newtown, at 8 p.m., to take into consideration the present position of the Club, with the view of obtaining premises elsewhere, and the future government of the club.
J. F. DALRYMPLE, Hon. Sec.

SYDNEY and Suburban Early-closing Association.—MEETING TO-NIGHT, Temperance Hall, Pitt-st., 8.

NO. 37 L.O.L.—Usual Monthly Meeting To-night, P. H. Every member requested to attend. S. E. Crouch, sec.

S.D.P. Society.—To-night, W. H. M'Namara addresses Pyrmt. Electors, Royal Pacific Hotel, Harris-st., 8.

NEW SOUTH WALES ROWING ASSOCIATION.
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Re Australian Eight to England, Oxford Hotel, WEDNESDAY, 6th April, at 8 p.m.
JOHN FITZSIMONS, Hon. Sec. N.S.W.R.A.

THE HANNAN'S PRIDE OF THE VALLEY GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
The Fourth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held THIS DAY, Thursday, the 31st instant, at the Company's Office, No. 40a Sydney Arcade, King-street, at 4.15 p.m.
By order of the Board.
ARTHUR J. DAVIS, Secretary.
Business: To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 28th February, 1898.
And such other business as may be brought forward in terms of the Rules and Regulations.

Naval and Military Notices.

CONTINUOUS TRAINING, 1898. NEW SOUTH WALES ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 2nd GARRISON DIVISION.—The Headquarter Companies of the above Regiment will PARADE in Marching Order on SUNDAY, the 3rd April, 1898, at 4 p.m. No. 3 Company, Circular Quay; No. 4 Company, Dawes Battery.
By order. I. H. KYNGDON, Captain,
(1e-130) Adjutant N.S.W. A. Regt., 2nd Gar. Div.

Musical Instruments.

W. H. PALING and CO., Ltd. Established 1853.
PIANOS.—Sole Agents for the famous Pianos of Steinway and Sons, Rich. Lipp and Son, John Brinsmead and Son, Julius Feurich, Uebel and Lechleiter, Gors and Kallmann, and others. Our own special models, the "Victor" and the "Belling," at £46 10s and £36 respectively, are very superior instruments, and the best value in Sydney.
ORGANS by Estey and Co. are the best and cheapest.
BAND INSTRUMENTS.—Sole Agents for Boosey and Co., Besson and Co., Couesnon and Co., and others.
LOWEST PRICES. EASY TERMS.
CATALOGUES and PRICES POST FREE.

SPLENDID PIANO, by Collard and Collard, all latest improvements, under-damper action, extended sounding board, beautiful full tone, owner leaving colony, £37 10s. Inspect at BROADWOOD ROOMS, 335a George-street.

GORDON'S, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford.—Cheapest, best, and most reliable house for Pianos in Sydney.

PIANOS by all the most celebrated manufacturers at half price. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., near Oxford.

PIANO Buyers, Attention.—The Finest PIANOS in the world at Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., near Oxford.

PIANO Buyers Cautioned.—Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford, do not employ any agents or canvasser.

ELEGANT new German Pianos, £25, sold elsewhere £50, great value. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford.

CHEAP PIANOS, £10, £12, and £15, greatest bargains in Sydney. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxford.

GERMAN Iron-frame Pianos, just landed, greatest bargains in Sydney. Gordon's, 379 Bourke-st., nr. Oxf.

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HAPSBURG PIANOS.—The universal favourite. Beale's, Ld.

HAPSBURG GOLD-MEDAL PIANOS will resist all climates. Beale's, Limited.

A PIANO, magnificent 70-guinea new walnut and gold Upright Grand full iron-frame, oblique cheque action, trichord, exquisite tone and quality, genuine bargain; owner wants money, £32 10s. M. A., P.O., William-st.

SOME very fine PIANOS just landed, A1 makers, very cheap. Symonds, 275 Pitt-st.

FINEST ENGLISH PIANOS, £30, CASH or TERMS. ENGLISH PIANO DEPOT, 247 GEORGE-ST.

PIANO, Walnut and Gold, £10 10s, cash or terms arranged. 3-6 Devonshire-st., Surry Hills.

"PIANOS," "ORGANS," must be cleared, all prices, genuine bargains. Powell, 87 Flinders-st.

AMERICAN ORGAN, £6 10s, famous maker, Bell, sm., compact, fine tone. Estens, 55 Flinders-st., off Oxf.-st.

PIANO, £10, good strong practice piano, £1 deposit, £1 month. Estens, 55 Flinders-st., off Oxford-st.

WANTED, good second-hand PIANO, also sound Canvas Tent. H., Newtown P.O.

OLD PIANO wanted, for child, small sum only. Mrs. White, c.o. Davies, 155 Glebe-rd.

SATURDAY NEXT.—Attend Sale of Havilah Estate, Chatswood, 3 p.m. Hugh Duff and Co., auctioneers.

Tenders.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

BOROUGH OF WATERLOO.
TENDERS will be received here up to 3 p.m. on TUESDAY, April 5th, for the supply of the following:—Printing and Stationery, Removal of Nightsoil, Kerb and Gutter, Coal Tar and Tarred Ashes, Day Work Cartage, Removal of House Refuse and Cleaning of Gutters, Supply of Ballast, Cartage of Blue Metal and Screenings, Supply of Timber.
Specifications may be seen here during office hours.
Tenders to be endorsed as the case may be and addressed to the Mayor.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
WILLIAM ALLEN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Waterloo, March 30th, 1898.

BRICKLAYERS.—Tenders, labour only. Apply 109 Young-st., Annandale, G. D. Sharpe.

BRICKS.—For the cheapest and best apply E. Vickery, jun., 78 Pitt-st. Tel., 155. Vulcan B'works, St. Peters.

CYANIDE PLANT.
TENDERS are invited for the Erection of a Cyanide Plant at Mount Allen, near Mount Hope.
Tenders close on THURSDAY, April 7th.
The lowest or any other tender not necessarily accepted.
Full particulars on application to G. S. BUZACOTT, 70 Pitt-street, Sydney.

CARPENTER.—TENDERS wanted for Carpenter's Work in factory. Apply on job to-day, between 10 and 4, 11 Shepherd-street, off George-street West, city.

CARTERS.—Price wanted, few hundred Loads Filling, Turfing. Gramley, Stanley-st., foot Newld. st., Wav.

DAMPCOURSE, pure bitumen, portable rolls, cheaper, better than imp. or slates. Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

HEPWORTH'S, LIMITED. (AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.)
FOR SALE BY TENDER.
The undersigned are instructed to invite TENDERS, which will be received up to NOON of SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, for Purchase of the Sydney Stocks of Messrs. HEPWORTH'S, Limited, for particulars of which see Tuesday's paper.
STARKEY and STARKEY, Chartered Accountants, 83 York-street.

HAND-DERRICK CRANES, 1 and 2 tons, for SALE. J. Souter, 486 Jones-st., Ultimo.

MUNICIPALITY OF BRAIDWOOD.
TENDERS are invited from persons willing to Remove All Night Soil from Cesspits and Pans within this Municipality, and Replace same with the Dual Pan System. The Contractors to provide Carts, Waggons, Regulation Pans, Horses, Lids, Pneumatic Rubber Bands, and everything necessary for the proper carrying out of this work. Also to keep everything in repair. Tenders must reach the Council not later than MONDAY Next, April 4th, and addressed Council Clerk.
HENRY A. COBB, Council Clerk.
Municipal Office, March 29th, 1898.

MINTARO SLATE for Durability.—Tanks, Brewers' Coolers, Nosings, Steps, Urinals, large Landings, &c., Marble Mantels, Grates, Gasfittings, Hearth and Verandah Tiles. Buy direct from Creak and Ford, 105 George-st. W.

NORTH SHORE LINE.—TENDERS are invited for the Partial Clearing of about 63 Acres. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the offices of D. J. M'INTYRE and CO., Junction-street, North Sydney.

PORTLAND CEMENT.—We are prepared to supply Government Tested "ROCK" Brand CEMENT, in any quantity; immediate delivery. GOODLET and SMITH, Ltd., 493 George-street.

PAINTERS.—Tenders wanted for Painting Warwick Hall, Station-st., Newtown. Apply premises, after 9.

PRICE wanted small job Plastering and 400 yards Whitewashing. Wentworth Stables, Thurlow-st., Red.

SUTTON and CO., Heavy Carriers, York and Market Sts. Customs Agents. Goods del. anywhere. Tel., 17.

TO FELLMONGERS AND SHIPPERS OF SHEEPSKINS.
The Directors of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, invite TENDERS to be sent to the undersigned for the whole of the Skins of the Sheep killed during the month of April next at their works, Rookwood.
Tenders must name separate prices for ewe and wether skins, and also an all-round price for both sorts.
An approved guarantee for performance of the contract will be required, and, therefore, tenders must name a proposed security (bank or otherwise).
The highest, or any, tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders will be opened in the presence of the tenderers who are invited to attend, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 31st instant.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.
Mutual Life-building, Martin-place, Sydney, 25th March, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS. ST. CLEMENT'S NEW CHURCH, MARRICKVILLE.
Contractors TENDERING for the above are hereby informed that TENDERS are to be delivered at the offices of the undersigned on MONDAY Next, 4th April, at 12 o'clock noon.
ROWE and SPAIN, Architects.
Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street.

TENDERS are invited for Additions and Alterations to the Residence of the Hon. George Day, M.L.C., at Petersham.
Plans and Specifications may be seen at the offices of the undersigned, to whom tenders are to be delivered on THURSDAY Next, the 7th day of April, at 12 noon.
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, Architect, 105 Pitt-street.

TENDERS will be received till noon, April 11th, for Erection 2 COTTAGES, MOSMAN'S. No Tender necessarily accepted. Plans, &c., from ERNEST A. SCOTT, Architect. P.O.-chambers, 114 Pitt-street.

TO BUILDERS. Builders desirous of TENDERING for Villa at Turramurra please send in their names. SLATYER and COSH, Architects. Post Office-chambers, 114 Pitt-street.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS required for Erection of various Additions and Alterations to Villa Residence at Auburn. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications to be seen at offices of F. S. MORGAN, Architect, 81 Stephen-court, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

TO JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS. TENDERS to be called in a few days for a first-class BUSINESS, as the owner is leaving for the old country. A very rare chance for a good man to make a speedy fortune.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for W.B. Villa at Bourke. Plans and Spec., at undersigned. M. DAWSON, Architect, 89 Pitt-street.

TO PAINTERS.—TENDERS are invited for Painting, &c., at Mosman. Apply T. W. HODGSON, Architect, Wood's-chambers, 5 Moore-street.

TENDERS for Plastering and Repairs butcher's shop, Bourke-st., near Oxford-st., 4 to 5.

TENDERS Lining and Writing two Carts. J. Croker, Australia-st., Newtown.

TENDERS con. 22 houses sewers—drainage and plumbing sep. J. Archibald, 97 Metropolitan-rd., Enmore.

TENDERS wanted for Frenchpolishing Shop Fronts. Apply at new shops, The Strand, Mosman.

TENDERS wanted for Fencing, labour only. Wood's-avenue, Wallis-st., Woollahra.

TENDERS wanted for Fencing about 30 Rods, labour only. Apply D. Glover, Lackey-st., Summer Hill.

TENDERS for Rising a Room, 18ft. by 9ft. 39 Grafton-st., Woollahra.

TENDERS wanted for Painting, labour only or labour and materials. 175 Bridge-rd., Glebe.

TENDERS wanted for Alterations to House. Apply 167 Bullanaming-st.

TENDERS for Plastering. Apply Mr. Besser, Cottage, Northbrook-st., Bexley.

TENDERS Erection Brick Cottage. Plans at 85 Redfern-street, Redfn., after 10. Tenders close 4th April.

TO TENTMAKERS.—TENDERS wanted for 5 outside Blinds. Marcus Clarke, Newtown.

WANTED, 100 Perches Rubble, del. Llewellyn-st., Balm.; 50 Loads Sand. Maders, Park-av., D'oyne.

WANTED, Tenders for Supplying 200 Tons Bakers Wood, 2ft. 6in. (oak). Butler, West-st., N. Sydney.

CEMENT, Anchor, Alsen's, K.B.S., Hemmoor, genuine and original packages at lowest rates; also Galvanised Cor. Iron from £15 per ton. G. E. CRANE and SONS, City Cement Stores, 19-21 Pitt-street, Circular Quay.

NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOTS, THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS. ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

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Houses and Land for Sale.

FIRST-CLASS SUBURBAN RESIDENCE. OVER 700ft. ABOVE SEA LEVEL. CLOSE RAILWAY STATION, within 1 hour of city. First-class Railway Season Ticket costs 1s per day. DELIGHTFUL VILLA RESIDENCE, thoroughly well built, comprises 12 apartments, USUAL OFFICES and APPOINTMENTS STABLES, COACHHOUSE, LOFT, 2 WORKMEN'S COTTAGES, LAWN, BOWLING-GREEN, TWO LOOKOUTS, &c. The Grounds, NEARLY 50 ACRES, will grow almost anything; tastefully laid out GARDEN, ORCHARD, VINEYARD, VARIOUS CROPS, &c., Carriage Drive. Title is Torrens. PHOTO. at office. Price only £3000, about one-fourth of its cost. SATISFACTORY REASONS FOR SELLING. SUITABLE FOR A SANATORIUM or SCHOLASTIC ESTABLISHMENT. PAGE and COMPANY, 139 King-street.

DEPOSIT £15, and £2 10s monthly.—Good COTTAGE, near Horlstone College, built of brick, contains hall, 5 rooms, &c., land 34 x 184, £265, cheap. PAGE and COMPANY, 139 King-street.

WAVERLEY.—Pretty Brick COTTAGE, 5 rooms, &c., £375. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

A SPLENDID INVESTMENT, 385 Abercrombie-street, Redfern (Eveleigh Workshops).—For SALE, Terrace, 4 new HOUSES, beautifully finished, f. doors, din., sit., 4 bed rooms, marble mantels, tiled hearths, front garden plot, gas, water, roomy kit., s. sink, laundry fitted to perfection, lovely bathroom, lavatory, p.w.c., large yards to lane; inspection invited; low price, small deposit, easy terms; immediate possession. J. M'GILL.

DARLINGTON.—Here is a chance to secure a HOME close to the city, cheap, on very easy terms. New HOUSE, 122 Rose-street, Darlington, dining, sitting, 3 bed rooms, marble mantels, tiled hearths, large kitchen, lovely bath, washhouse fitted to perfection, gas, every con., £30 dep., bal. inst. Inspection invited. J. M'GILL.

MOSMAN.—"SAUSALITO," DELIGHTFULLY SITUATE, lovely views, right at ferry, handsome Stone Cottage, red-tiled roof, 6 rooms, hall, kitchen, all domestic offices and conveniences, water and gas, Torrens title. (For Sale on account of the owner, W. E. Carlisle, Esq., owing to his early departure for America.) H. W. HORNING and CO., Property Agents, 75 Pitt-street (near Bridge-street), city. Telephone, 2349.

CHATSWOOD. GENTLEMAN'S COTTAGE RESIDENCE and Grounds. The Residence containing wide ENTRANCE HALL, LARGE DRAWING and DINING ROOMS, 5 Bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, stables, coachhouse, man's room, &c., valued £1275, OWNER BOUND to SACRIFICE, price £850, IMMEDIATE INSPECTION ADVISED. HUGH DUFF and CO., 109 Pitt-street; and Chatswood.

WAVERLEY.—Brick HOUSE, 5 rooms, kitchen, &c., land 20ft. x 100ft., rent £52 per annum, price £500, easy terms.
DRUMMOYNE.—Grand Building SITE, 100ft. to two main streets.
DRUMMOYNE.—Brick HOUSE, 6 rooms and outoffices, land 52 x 175 ft., double frontage, price £700, very easy terms.
W. J. SHERWIN, 8 Bligh-street.

LEURA and MEDLOW (Blue Mountains). We have FIVE ALLOTMENTS for SALE, GREAT BARGAINS, and on terms, under instructions from the BANK AS MORTGAGEES. A Chance for Buyers to double their money. PIERCY ETHELL and CO., 3 Moore-street, 2 doors from G.P.O.

SOUTHERN LINE.—TOURIST RESORT. For SALE, NEW 6-roomed COTTAGE and SEVEN (7) ACRES LAND, fenced, ORCHARD, DAIRY, Fowlhouse, &c., U.G. Tank, PERMANENT WATER; PRICE £320; or with 100 ACRES, £420. PIERCY ETHELL and CO., 3 Moore-street.

MOSMAN.—For SALE, pretty Queen Anne COTTAGE, just completed, on heights, best locality near tram and boat, containing 7 cheerful rooms, standing well within a fine block of land, low figure, terms if required, wide street and splendid views, a bargain. Apply on premises. A. COLLIN, Milner-street, near P.O., Mosman.

AT MOSMAN'S, overlooking Harbour.—Handsome Gentleman's RESIDENCE, containing hall, drawing and dining rooms, 6 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, laundry, with all modern conveniences, a bargain, £1050. Call and secure this. KITT and CO., 38 Elizabeth-street, city.

NOTHING EQUAL.—New Double-front Det. COTTAGE, hall, 6 lofty rooms, kitchen, range, pantry, bathroom, shower, plunge, laundry, gas, water, panelled ceilings, marble mantels, tiled hearths, tiled grates, tiled verandah, marble steps, tuckpointed front, price £435. Apply New Cottage, Carlisle-street, Ashfield.

FOR SALE, W.B. COTTAGE, 4 rooms, kitchen, &c., modern conveniences, land 33 x 132, one minute from Thompson-street Wharf. Particulars, D. GRAY, Duncan-street, Drummoyne.

FOR SALE, Woollahra, 8-roomed COTTAGE, close 2d tram; if sold at once lady will accept £450; ground rent only £8. PHEGAN and WALSH, Waverley-road, Woollahra.

WOOLLAHRA.—Cottage Property, close tram, rents £200, price £1465; 12 Houses, rents £300, price £2650; Brick Cottage, with stable, £250; Det. Cottage, £98, easy terms. PHEGAN and WALSH, Waverley.

NEWTOWN, Watkin-street.—Two substantially built Brick HOUSES, 5 rooms, kit., bathroom, pantry, washhouse, asphalt yards, 2 mins. train, tram, 'bus, ret. 9 p.c., Torrens. Haroldeane, Boundary-rd., Randwick.

BLACKSMITHING.—For SALE, in a rising town on the North Coast, a first-class Blacksmith and Wheelwright's BUSINESS, splendid stand, with 5-roomed cott., £275. Particulars U. Lyons, 170 Liverpool-road, Ashfield.

MANLY, overlooking the Harbour.—The Pick Residential SITE of the place, 260 x 300, for private SALE, no agents, cash or terms. X. Y. Z., Box 1616, G.P.C.

PETERSHAM.—Grand Bus. SITES (corner blocks) for SALE cheap. Apply W. Pratt, 136 Crystal-st.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY wanted as investment for £2000. Rents, title, &c., C. Clarke, 84 Pitt-st.

CENTRAL City Investment.—Shop and Dwelling; always let, £900, return 6 p.c. net. Box 1155.

NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

WAVERLEY.—Charming New Detached COTTAGE, 6 rooms, £575; 5 rooms, £475; Pair Cottages, 4 rms. each, rents £72 16s, price £750. Rare chance. Stand inspection. Ebley-street East, 2 min. 2d tram, at June.

WOOLLAHRA, Grosvenor-street. — ARCADIA, Handsome Detached Villa, 6 rooms, Bargain, £600. Apply Arcadia.

HOUSE, 6 rooms, kitchen, every convenience, close Stephen-st. 1d ferry. Punch, Fawcett-st., Balmain.

LEWISHAM, 76 Victoria-st., 4 min. station.—Sup. Det. new Brick Cottage, 4 rms., mod., con., £330, cash, tms.

ROOTY HILL, near stn.—Dairy and Poultry Farms, £6 acre, terms easy. G. H. Mobbs, Parramatta.

Books, Publications, &c.

TURNER and HENDERSON, Sydney.—New BOOKS received daily. Send for Lists.

Auction Sales.

HORSES. HORSES.
MAIDEN BROS. will sell by auction, at Camperdown, on FRIDAY, 15th April, 1 Truck of Horses, from Tenterfield.

PICTON, 1st APRIL, 1898. MONTHLY STOCK SALES.
R. H. INGLIS has received instructions to sell at his Saleyards, Picton, on FRIDAY, 1st April, 1898, at 1 o'clock sharp.
On account Mr. C. DUNN, Oaks:
70 Well-bred Dairy Heifers, 3 to 4 years old, forward and backward springers
30 Well-bred Dairy Cows, forward and backward springers
25 Fat Bullocks, from 4 to 6 years
5 Fat Cows.
On account Mr. JAS. DOBSON, Boomahill:
30 Cows, in full milk
15 Hand-reared Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2 years
30 Calves.
On account Mr. C. BUTLER, Oaks:
10 Prime Fat Bullocks
5 Forward Store Cows
10 Choice Dairy Heifers, 2 years.
On account Mr. H. M. DENNIS, Burragorang:
50 Head of Mixed Cattle, in grand condition.
On account Mr. C. E. MAXWELL, Picton:
10 Head of Mixed Cattle.
On account Mr. JOS. SLADEN, Burragorang:
18 First-class Forward Springing Cows and Heifers.
On account Mr. H. DUNN, Breadalbane:
50 Young Cows and Dairy Heifers.
The above will be found a grand lot of Cattle, in splendid condition.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.
ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Stock Saleyards, at the rear of 791 George-street South (entrance Valentine-lane), THIS DAY, At 11 o'clock, Milch Cows and Springers. At half-past 2 o'clock, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Dry and Fat Cattle.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., Wool.

FIVE SHILLINGS per foot, Claremont Estate, near Ashfield, Sale Sat., 3. Free Train. E. C. V. Broughton.

Auction Sales.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, and Harness. At 12 o'clock, Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 188.

FIRST-CLASS BROUGHAM CAB.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, FIRST-CLASS BROUGHAM CAB, in tip-top condition. No Reserve.

TWO FIRST-CLASS CAB TURNOUTS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, BROUGHAM CAB, HORSE, and HARNESS, in good order, licensed to end of year; also, GOOD OPEN CAB, Horse, and Harness (licensed).

TO RACING MEN and OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, X-10-U-8, BROWN MARE, 14.2 Kensington certificate, by SOLO, out of JEMMIE DE VERE Mare, winner of many races. Full particulars at sale.

SUPERIOR HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSE, PER STEAMER.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. J. M'Donell (Candlestown), to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, SUPERIOR HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSE, 5 years, by YOUNG KING, a thoroughly staunch worker.

SUPERIOR SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. J. Newton to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, HANDSOME CREAM PONY, 6 years, quiet and reliable; Sulky (by Angus) in first-class order; and set of Harness, almost new.

PAIR BLACK CARRIAGE HORSES AND TWO LIGHT HORSES, PER STEAMER.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Hanlon to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, PAIR BLACK CARRIAGE HORSES, 15 hands, good movers, and 2 LIGHT HORSES.
Particulars at Sale.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION ORVILLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, ORVILLE, Bay Stallion, 15 hands, winner of many races, including the BRISBANE CUP. Full particulars and pedigree at sale.

6 USEFUL HARNESS HORSES 6.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK, 6 useful Harness Horses, all thoroughly broken to, subject to trials.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
TO HEAVY CARRIERS, DRAYMEN, OMNIBUS AND CAB PROPRIETORS, INDIAN SHIPPERS, AND OTHERS.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30.
50 HEAD. 50 HEAD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, ON ACCOUNT OF MESSRS. MARSHALL and M'MAHON,
50 SUPERIOR FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, comprising GOOD HEAVY and ACTIVE DRAUGHTS, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken; the balance FIRST-CLASS LIGHT HORSES, with substance, worthy the attention of INDIAN SHIPPERS, OMNIBUS and CAB PROPRIETORS, and OTHERS.
AMONGST the above are a PAIR of VERY SMALL PONIES, constantly driven by a lady; Handsome Bay Pony, took FIRST PRIZE GOULBURN SHOW for HARNESS PONY; Pair Dark Brown Geldings, broken to harness; Bay Gelding, by CHEVIOT (imp.), half sister to DAM of CREMORNE, very fast; also Chestnut Lady's Hack, winner of five FIRST PRIZES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 1.
90 HIGH-CLASS COUNTRY HORSES. 90
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above,
On account Hon. F. B. SUTTOR, Bradwardine, Bathurst,
30 HIGH-CLASS COLTS and FILLIES, 4 and 5 years old, ALL THE ONE BRAND, and DIRECT FROM THE BREEDER'S Station. The above will be found a very choice lot, full of quality and breeding, broken and unbroken. They are by MONMOUTH (full brother to Chester) and SOUVENIR by Marvellous, from specially selected mares. A number of them are thoroughbred, and should race.
On account Mr. DANL. BUFFIER, Trucked at Cooma,
30 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, comprising HEAVY and ACTIVE DRAUGHT COLTS and FILLIES and GOOD USEFUL LIGHT HORSES with substance, broken and unbroken, described as a good lot.
On account Mr. HENRY DUNN, Goulburn,
10 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, mostly GOOD STRONG SORTS of LIGHT HORSES, broken and unbroken; also one or two draughts.
On account Southern Agents, Trucked at Gundagai,
20 HIGH-CLASS LIGHT HARNESS COLTS and FILLIES, possessing quality and substance, 4 and 5 years old, all in splendid condition, specially picked for consignment to this market, and DESCRIBED AS A VERY CHOICE LOT.
On account Mr. E. BRAITHWAITE, Easter Farm,
5 SUPERIOR HARNESS HORSES, comprising 1 BEAUTIFUL BAY GELDING, 16 hands, suitable for match carriage horse.
AMONGST THE LOT ARE SEVERAL GOOD SORTS SUITABLE FOR REMOUNTS; also a FEW GOOD CAB and OMNIBUS HORSES.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, March 31st, at 11 o'clock, on account of Messrs. D. Buffier, M'Intosh Brothers, & M'Minn, T. Briggs, H. Dunn, and other owners,
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock, 80 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 31st, at half-past 3 o'clock,
25 Prime Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, from Goulburn
12 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, from Moorilla
15 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, on account D. Buffier
15 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, on account E. M'Minn
20 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, on account various owners.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 31st, at half-past 2 o'clock,
20 Prime Fat Calves, from Camden and Illawarra
60 Ditto ditto ditto, from Goulburn
30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Liverpool
70 Ditto ditto Pigs, from Goulburn
50 Ditto ditto ditto, from Camden
40 Ditto ditto ditto, suburban lots
50 First-class Store Pigs.

STORE PIGS. STORE PIGS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, ON ACCOUNT of Mr. C. KERCHER, GOULBURN, 150 WELL-BRED good-conditioned Stores, WORTHY OF SPECIAL ATTENTION.

WOOL SALES.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Thursday, March 31, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 3 p.m., as under:—
1. J. C. Young and Co.—66 Bales.
2. Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd.—221 Bales.
3. Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.—400 Bales.
4. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—702 Bales.
5. Dalgety and Co., Ltd.—244 Bales.
6. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.—567 Bales.

PRODUCE SALES.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Thursday, as under:—
HAIR, HORNS, and BONES.—At the various Stores, at 9.30 a.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell THIS DAY, at their Circular Quay Stores, Hair, Horns, Bones, &c.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Exchange, Bridge street, THIS DAY, Thursday, March 31st, at 3 p.m., Wool.

CALVES. CALVES.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell by auction, at Flemington, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, 28 prime fat Calves, from Young.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. will sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Large Quantity of Furniture, Bedsteads, and Sundries, sent in for unreserved sale.

NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

FIVE SHILLINGS per foot, Claremont Estate, near Ashfield, Sale Sat., 3. Free Train. E. C. V. Broughton.

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY,
THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, at 11 a.m.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

WELL SELECTED INDENTS of BOOTS and SHOES, from the best English and Continental Manufacturers, and first-class colonial makers, consisting of

Men's Calf and Tweed Bals., assorted sizes; Youths' and Boys' ditto ditto; Men's Colonial-made Bluchers and Crusaders; Ladies' Glace Kid and Patent Calf. Bals.; Ladies' ditto ditto Oxford Shoes; Ladies' Kid 2-strap and Evening Shoes; Girls' Kid Levant and Calf Bals., all sizes; Maids' and Children's Strap and Button Shoes; Boys', Youths', Girls', and Women's colonial makes, &c., &c.

Also, on account of whom it may concern, with all faults, if any,
Ex Gulf of Siam, from London, Damaged by sea water.
1 Package LINENETTE, 8s
1 Package H.C. QUILTS, 4 numbers.
Also,
200 D.T. BLK. CASHMERE MACINTOSHES, Colonial Manufacture.

HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY (late HARRIS and ACKMAN), Auctioneers and Valuators, 199 Pitt-street.

FEDERATION ACCOMPLISHED.
A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS OF AGREEMENT.
Dr. C. H. MORGAN, of St. Lawrence, Belmore-street, Burwood,
Mr. RANKIN, of Beverley, Gladstone-street, Burwood,
Mr. HAWKINS, of Shaftesbury-road, Burwood,
Mr. FISHER, Mr. BEAR, Mrs. YEEND, and various gentry,
who are leaving the district or making alterations, have invited us to fill
THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS
full to the brim and overflowing with FURNITURE of the best character.
Pianofortes, Organ, Bicycles, Vehicles, and Appointments, modern and very handsome.
The Whole to be Sold by Auction,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Auctioneers regret that as the best of the Furniture, including Mr. Rankin's Pianos, came in only yesterday, there has been no time to prepare a Catalogue for distribution among intending Buyers, who should attend and see that this is a Sale of unusual magnitude, and worthy attention of Private Gentry and Trade Buyers.

Special Mention may be made of the Two Fine Pianos from Mr. Rankin's Residence.
A WALNUT UPRIGHT MIGNON, of superb tone, and AN UPRIGHT GRAND in Ebonised Case, by Elvy and Co.
SUPERB SOLID WALNUT and CEDAR BOOKCASES
A MAGNIFICENT ESCRITOIRE Desk, with Roll Top, Sliding Desk, Side Drawers, Pigeon Holes, &c.
, This is a splendid Office Desk, suit Solicitor, Merchant, Agent, &c.
A BEAUTIFUL HALL STAND, Lace and Tapestry Curtains
CHARMING and VERY VALUABLE WALNUT and ROSEWOOD OCC. CHAIRS, in choicest Upholstery.
MATCH PAIR DIVAN CHAIRS IN MOROCCO
A MAGNIFICENT DINING SUITE in real Morocco, Leather and Mahogany frames
VALUABLE WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE and others
FIVE MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTELS of tiptop quality and design
VALUABLE ART CARPET SQUARES, various sizes
SPLENDID DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, from Dr. Morgan's
DOUBLE and SINGLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, BEST BEDDING
DUCHESSE TOILETS, CHESTS DRAWERS, DRESSERS WITH GLASS SASHES
A MAGNIFICENT VIOLIN AND BOW, sent in for Unreserved Sale by a gentleman leaving for Melbourne
SPLENDID AUSTRIAN LOUNGE with adjustable head
A MAGNIFICENT INCUBATOR (300 eggs), and one of the finest in the colony, perfect order, all appliances, foster mother, &c.
FIRST-CLASS AVERY PLATFORM SCALES, 5cwt.
GRAND COOKING STOVE, cost £8 10s at Lassetter's
PATENT MANGLE, WHEELBARROW, Hose, Mower, SPLENDID IRON ROLLER.
THREE SUPERB LARGE URNS for Gardens, Lawns, &c.
THE FURNISHINGS OF 4 RESIDENCES federated in one Sale To-morrow.

SPECIAL MEMO. TO LADY CYCLISTS.
AT 2 P.M. will be sold a SUPERB SECOND-HAND BICYCLE and 2 New Bicycles, on account of Indentor's Agent.

SPECIAL MEMO. TO BUYERS OF VEHICLES.
AT 2 P.M. will be sold by auction, on account of Owner, Mrs. YEEND, HER SUPERIOR ENGLISH DOGCART, with Lamps, Cushions, &c.
For Mr. HAWKIN, Shaftesbury-road, Burwood, FIRST-CLASS D.S. BUGGY.
For Mr. BEAR, A CHARMING PONY CART, with Patent Axles.
For OTHER OWNERS, LARGE STRONG PRODUCE VAN SPRINGCART, &c., &c.

Gentry Furnishing, Heads of Houses, New Arrivals, Dealers and Others should attend this Sale of Excellent Furniture, Instruments, Vehicles, Bicycles, &c., &c. First lot at 11 a.m.
Terms, Cash before Delivery.
STRONGMAN AND WATSON, AUCTIONEERS and AGENTS for VENDORS,
THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY,
The Unredeemed Sundries and Balance of Clothing pledged with Mr. William Berkman, of King-street, Newtown.
At 11 o'clock, Sundries of every description.
At 2 o'clock, the Balance of Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.

STORE BOXES, OVERTIME GOODS, UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE, &c.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock. At the Rooms, 247A Pitt-street.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Messrs. Sanders and Co., General Carriers, of 45 King-street, to sell by auction, at the above Rooms, About 300 packages Store Boxes, Trunks, &c. Sewing Machines and Surplus Furniture. Terms, Cash.

To Dealers, Private Buyers, and Others.
THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises, 51 Hunter-street, city.
C. CLEAVE has been favoured with instructions from Miss O'Connor to sell by public auction, the whole of her Household Furniture, Walnut Overmantel (bevel plates), Pair 4ft. Duchesse Toilets (stained walnut), Parlour Clock, also Bar Clock, Brussels Carpet, 5 Single B.T. Bedsteads, Wire Bedding, New Blankets, Washstands, Ware, Large Round Marble Table, Kitchen Utensils, &c.
Terms, Cash. No Reserve.
Auctioneer's Office: 40 Oxford-street, city.

TO MINING MANAGERS and CONTRACTORS.
AUCTION SALE of FIVE TON STEAM CRANE, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., at present erected at the NAVAL YARD, GARDEN ISLAND.
JAMES COWAN has received instructions from J. J. WOOD, Esq., LIQUIDATOR to Messrs. HUDSON BROS., to sell the abovementioned Crane at the above address.
, Steam Yacht Northumbria will run from Man-of-war Stairs, first trip 2.30, to convey intending purchasers to Garden Island.
TERMS, CASH.

AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SALEROOM, The Exchange, Bridge-street.
THIS DAY, MARCH 31st, 1898, at 2.30 p.m.
Under instructions from Messrs. DALGETY and CO., Limited.
1556 PACKAGES INDIAN TEAS.
Ex Darius, &c., from Calcutta.
ALFRED HARVEY and CO., Selling Brokers, 63 Pitt-street, Sydney.
Samples on View at Brokers' Office.

DUNAVON, THE STEYNE, MANLY.
FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, at 11 o'clock.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction for owner, Without Reserve, the Superior Household Furniture and Appointments of a 10-roomed Residence—Splendid VICTOR PIANO (nearly new), Massive 6ft. SIDEBOARD, WALNUT and EBON. OVERMANTELS, well-made BEDROOM SUITE, BAMBOO SUITE, LINOLEUMS, Carpets, PLATE, AUSTRIAN SUITE, Improved BEALE SEWING MACHINE, Pictures, Ornaments, and all Requisites.
Full particulars Friday's Herald.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
MOST IMPORTANT CLEARING-OUT SALE TO-MORROW, Friday, at 11 a.m., at 32 REGENT-STREET, Sydney. The Large and Varied Stock-in-trade of a Furniture Showroom, also the Private HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Mr. Falmer, who is relinquishing business, comprising:—Bedroom, Dining, and Drawing Room Suites, Combination and other Chests Drawers, Wardrobes, Pairs Toilets and Ware, Double and Single Brass-mounted Iron Bedsteads, W.M. and Kapok Bedding, Brussels Carpets, Linoleum, Oilcloth, Overmantels, Bookcases, Tea and Dinner Sets, about 200 Austrian, Bedroom, and Hall Chairs, Dressers, Sideboards, &c., also 2 Vans, Horses, and Harness.
A. MITCHELL will sell, Without Reserve.

To the Fancy Goods Trade, Storekeepers, and Others.
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE FANCY GOODS, EASTER NOVELTIES.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.
JAMES RODD and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 11,
Large Well-assorted Stock of General Fancy Goods, specially imported for this Easter trade.
Dolls, Toys, Stationery, Cutlery, Purses, Work Boxes, Brushware, Mouth Organs, Balls, Pictures, Brackets, Pipes, Playing Cards, &c., &c.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

SATURDAY NEXT.—Attend Sale of Havilah Estate, Chatswood, 3 p.m. Hugh Duff and Co., auctioneers.

TURRAMURRA (Milson's Point Railway Line).
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, AT 11 A.M.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE AT AUCTION IN THE DECEASED ESTATE of Mrs. EDGAR, at THE RESIDENCE, BLYTHESWOOD, LANE COVE-ROAD, TURRAMURRA, at present occupied by WILLIAM KILGOUR, Esq., J.P.
The whole of the SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, including GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE, forming an Extensive Collection of TABLE APPOINTMENTS.
7ft. CEDAR SIDEBOARD, with long silvered plateglass back, cupboards, cellarette, and drawers
ENCLOSED CEDAR BOOKCASE and Cedar Dwarf Bookcases, with movable shelves
8ft. TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, with spare leaves
Superior Austrian Chairs, Leather Easy Chairs, Black Marble Clock, Black and Gold Pier Glass.
BORDERED BRUSSELS CARPETS.
EBONISED PIANOFORTE by GORS and KALLMAN.
Eugenie Couch, Easy Chairs, Rattan Chairs, Whatnots, SHELL CASE with specimens of Shells and Coral, Octagon Table.
FURNITURE OF EIGHT BEDROOMS, comprising LARGE DOUBLE CEDAR WARDROBE, with Centre Plateglass Door, Trays, Drawers, and Hanging Compartments.
SEVERAL SINGLE WARDROBES.
Combination Dressing Chests, Duchesse Toilet Pairs, Chests of Drawers.
TABLE DAMASK and LINEN. Blankets, Sheets, Counterpanes.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY EFFECTS. Garden Roller, Patent Mangle, &c., &c.
Also, THE FURNITURE OF THE LODGE and FIRST-CLASS PARK PHAETON by STRICKLAND AND SONS, Melbourne, awarded First Prize at the Melbourne International Exhibition.
COMPLETE TENNIS SET, &c., &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions from THE EXECUTORS in the Estate of the late Mrs. EDGAR to conduct the important Sale by Auction as above, at BLYTHESWOOD, LANE COVE-ROAD, TURRAMURRA (per Milson's Point Railway).
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
, BLYTHESWOOD contains a very large quantity of FURNITURE and EFFECTS, which will be sold WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
, ON VIEW prior to Sale.
, INTENDING PURCHASERS FROM SYDNEY should proceed by MILSON'S POINT FERRY STEAMER, leaving Circular Quay at 9.20, 10.45, or 11.20 a.m.

Under Instructions from THE CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES.
ABSOLUTE SALE BY AUCTION, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.
In the Deceased Estate of Mrs. JANE PRITCHARD.
ON THE PREMISES, 227 WILLIAM-STREET (near the corner of Darlinghurst-road).
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, China, Glass, and Electroplate, Davis Sewing Machine, Combination Dressing Chests, Carpets and Floor Coverings, BLACK and BRASS BEDSTEADS, Half-tester (Double and Single), with bedding complete, 6ft. WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by CARL HESS, Upright Grand, Iron Framed, in very good order, and a Quantity of GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) have been favoured with instructions from the CURATOR of INTESTATE ESTATES to sell by auction as above,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, at 10 o'clock a.m.
PLEASE NOTE that Sale will Commence at 10 O'CLOCK PROMPT.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at LAWSON AND SMITH'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET (near King-street).
Under instructions from THE ORIGINAL MONT DE PIETE, The whole of the SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS, removed from A RESIDENCE at BURWOOD, including GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE, STERLING SILVER, SOLID WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, Handsome Carved Suite in Morocco Leather, Sideboard of handsome design, Telescope Dining Table, Walnut Dinner Waggon, Handsome Walnut Overmantels.
DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by JULIUS FEURICH, specially imported through Messrs. PALING and CO., and in perfect order. The instrument is iron-framed, latest model, and possesses fine qualities of tone and touch.
HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES, BRASS and PEARL MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, Half-tester (Double and Single), with Woven Wire Mattresses, Horsehair Mattresses, &c., complete, WILTON PILE and BRUSSELS CARPETS, and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.
Also, FIRST-CLASS SULKY, built to order by BUCKLAND, of Newtown, with bent shafts, Collins's patent axle, and very superior finish (almost new).
Single Set Brass-mounted Harness, Gentleman's Hogskin Saddle.
Under instructions from Mrs. GRAY, the SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS, removed from HILLSIDE, DOUBLE BAY.
And also, on account of various vendors, AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT of GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.
Also, FULL-SIZED UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, RONISCH, in perfect order, latest model, full iron frame, and highly recommended.
IRON SAFE, 27 x 18 x 18, by Miller, London.
LADY'S BICYCLE, FLYING HORSE (nearly new).
And ON ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS VENDORS, AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and REQUISITES.
JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions from THE ORIGINAL MONT DE PIETE and on account of other vendors to sell by auction as above, at THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, AT 11 A.M.
, ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

SILVER-PLATED WARE.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION of A SMALL SPECIAL COLLECTION of HIGH-CLASS TABLE PLATE.
Cruets, Butter Coolers, Toast Racks, Biscuit Barrels, Spirit Stands, and other Table Appointments, from the CELEBRATED FACTORY of RICHARD RICHARDSON, Sheffield.
JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been instructed to sell the above TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, at 11 a.m., AT 22 NITHSDALE-STREET, Opp. Tram Waiting Room, Liverpool-street.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Suite of 9 pcs., Oval Table and Cloth, Overmantel, Austin Chairs, Dining Table, Wertheim Machine, Safe, Kitchen Table, Bench and Vyce, Lot Tools, Kitchen Utensils, Floorcloth, Curtains, Pictures, 4ft. 6in. Blk.-and-brass Half-tester, Wire and Bedding, 2 Pairs Toilets, Toilet Ware, 3-dr. Chest Drawers, Bed Linen, Blankets, 2 Wire Stretchers, and Bedding.
EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAN and GOOD ORDER.
H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions from the owner TO SELL THIS DAY AT 11 A.M.

FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, at 11 a.m.
At BROOK and CO.'S MART, 148 ELIZABETH-STREET, near Liverpool-street.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Removed from Paddington.
Full particulars in to-morrow's issue.
H. W. BROOK AND CO. have received instructions from the owners TO SELL TO-MORROW, AT 11 A.M.

FIVE SHILLINGS per foot, Claremont Estate, near Ashfield. Sale Sat., 3. Free Train. E. C. V. Broughton.

NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

SPARTAN TONIC.

A NATURAL FOOD OF ACKNOWLEDGED EXCELLENCE.

In introducing this Tonic in a form within the reach of all, we desire to state the circumstances under which we have been induced to do so.

During the course of the last 25 years that we have been before the public of Australia—and during which time we are proud to know that our firm's name has become a household word—we have been called upon to administer remedies for the relief and cure of the various ailments incidental to humanity, a large proportion being due to the enervating effects of the climate of this country, and exhibited in almost all forms of nervous depression and physical prostration.

The opportunities afforded us of discovering the most suitable remedies required to sustain the nerve and physical forces have necessarily been very abundant, and have resulted in the perfecting of the Tonic which we now offer under the above name. It has been supplied to our clients with unvarying success, the demand for which has been steadily progressive, although, until now, not advertised. We feel convinced, from the numerous grateful letters received in its commendation, that it will find a leading place amongst the numerous other remedies offered for the like purpose, and its use will be followed by continued beneficial results.

The deficiency in nerve force is indicated in all the following cases, and for which "SPARTAN TONIC" is recommended:—

Nervous Headache, Neuralgia, Loss of Appetite, Indigestion, Impoverished Blood, Palpitation of the Heart, Dizziness, Melancholia, Defective Sight and Memory, Lassitude, Sluggish Liver, &c.

For DELICATE FEMALES and CHILDREN it is invaluable as a RESTORATIVE, Increasing the Appetite and Improving the Digestion.

FOR MENTAL WORRY AND HEADACHES IT IS UNSURPASSED.
PRICE, 2s 6d AND 4s BOTTLE.

PREPARED ONLY BY THE PROPRIETORS—
WASHINGTON H. SOUL AND CO.,
MANUFACTURING, IMPORTING, AND PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
158, 160, and 162 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
and
CHURCH and PHILLIP STREETS, PARRAMATTA.
PROPRIETORS of { SOUL'S CELEBRATED AUSTRALIAN RELISH, 6d Bottle. SOYER'S BAKING OR YEAST POWDER, 6d per 1lb.

"THREE GOOD THINGS" (MADE IN ENGLAND).
HOLBROOK'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
HOLBROOK'S BEST ENGLISH PICKLES
HOLBROOK'S PURE MALT VINEGAR.
"68 PRIZE MEDALS."
HOLBROOK'S SAUCE HAS BEEN AWARDED MORE PRIZE MEDALS than any other Worcestershire Sauce in the World. It is
SOLD AT HALF THE PRICE OF OTHER WELL-KNOWN SAUCES!
HOLBROOK'S PICKLES ARE SELECTED ENGLISH VEGETABLES PRESERVED IN PURE MALT VINEGAR.
HOLBROOK'S VINEGAR IS BREWED FROM THE FINEST ENGLISH GRAIN, AND IS GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY "PURE MALT."
COMMON AND LOW-PRICED VINEGARS ARE MOST INJURIOUS.

PARK'S INDIGESTION CURE.
THE MEDICINE OF THE DAY.
IT INCREASES THE GASTRIC JUICE, PROMOTING DIGESTION AND ASSIMILATION. A LIVER STIMULANT, AND A GRAND TONIC.
PARK'S PHARMACY,
156 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY,
DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE STRAND.

Auction Sales.

To the General Drapery Trade, Country Buyers, Dealers, and others.
FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE, on the PREMISES, 185 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, at 11 o'clock sharp,
THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FIXTURES, FITTINGS, SHOWCASES, BRASS RODS, DRESS and MANTLE STANDS, 7 GLASS SHOP MIRRORS, of Mr. RALPH EDEN, 185 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN, as per stock-sheets (Messrs. STARKEY and STARKEY, Accountants), comprising—

Mercery and Clothing	£140 7 6
Manchester	57 7 2
Dresses	20 7 8
Haberdashery	88 15 11
Underclothing and Hosiery	51 2 2
Fancy	114 11 0
Goods in Window	21 7 6
	£493 18 11

A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above stock, on the Premises, 185 King-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 31, at 11 o'clock sharp. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO FANCY GOODS BUYERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
FOR UNRESERVED SALE.
Under Instructions from the Proprietor. Removed from Marrickville to the ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
THE WHOLE OF HIS STOCK of GENERAL FANCY GOODS, STATIONERY, &c., consisting of
Cutlery, Purses, Combs, Stationery, Toys, Dolls, Ornaments, Brushware, Photo Frames, Albums, School Books, China Ornaments, Glassware, Fireworks, Inkstands, Workboxes, and General Assortment of FANCY GOODS.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above stock, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, April 1, at 11 o'clock sharp. WITHOUT RESERVE.

In the BANKRUPT ESTATE of JOHN FLYNN, 31 GLEBE-STREET, PADDINGTON.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, March 31, on the Premises, at 11 a.m.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
DALWOOD and CO. have received instructions from N. F. GIBLIN, Esq., Official Assignee, to sell, As above.

DALWOOD and CO.'S AUCTION ROOMS, 115, 117 BATHURST-STREET.
ABSOLUTE and UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION of ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, PIANOFORTES.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 A.M.
Removed from DARLING POINT and ASHFIELD for convenience of sale, comprising
HIGH-CLASS DINING-ROOM FURNISHINGS, complete Suite, of walnut, 9-piece suite, 5ft. Sideboard, 8 x 4 Table with pat. screw, and Bookcase, Handsome Furnishings for dining-room.
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE.
Occasional Drawing-room Appointments
Rich Carpets, Wilton Pile Hearthrugs
Handsome Overmantels in walnut
7-PIECE ROSEWOOD INLAID SUITE, Silk Tap.
HANDSOME STATE 4ft. 6in. BEDSTEADS, complete
MASSIVE BEDROOM SUITES
COMPLETE FURNISHINGS of SIX BEDROOMS
Kitchen and Laundry Utensils.
DALWOOD AND CO. will sell as above. WITHOUT RESERVE.
Parties Furnishing should attend this important Sale.

THIS DAY, MARCH 31st, at 11 a.m., at CAMOOLA, WALSH'S-AVENUE, RANDWICK.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS from the MORTGAGEES. HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION of HANDSOME MODERN FURNITURE and COSTLY HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
RONISCH PIANOFORTE, iron frame, in HANDSOME WALNUT CASE, almost new, and in splendid order
SUPERIOR WALNUT HALL STAND, VERY BEST LINOLEUM
Beautifully-designed DRAWING-ROOM CABINET and OVERMANTEL to match, in ROSEWOOD, inlaid marqueterie; Curtains
Very large AXMINSTER CARPET, about 25ft. x 18ft., nearly new; Elegant Wicker Furniture, Handsome Ornaments, Piano Stool, Oil and Water Colour Pictures by Louis Frank, Oil Painting of the celebrated Racehorse STROMBOLI, OCCASIONAL TABLES in neat designs, Skin Rugs and Mats; RACING TROPHY, Emu Egg mounted in frosted and oxidised silver; EXTENSION DINING TABLE, in WALNUT, with screw and extra leaves; SUPERIOR WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with Cellarette and Cupboards and B.G. Mirrors; HANDSOME WALNUT OVERMANTEL, Marble Clock, Dexter Rocker
MASSIVE BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE and SINGLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, fitted with first-class Wire Mattresses and Kapok Bedding; Bedroom Easy Chair, Eugenie Couch, Cot, W.M. and Bedding; High-class Beaconsfield Bedroom Suites, in solid walnut and in ash and walnut; Chests Drawers, E.P. and Crystal Fruit and Cake Stand, T. and C. Service, Salver, Oak Cabinet, E.P. Forks and Spoons, Salad Bowl and Servers, Ice Chest, Dresser, Kit. and Laun. Utensils, &c.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed sell as above, THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, MARCH 31st, at 2.30 p.m., on the PREMISES, 4 WILLIAM-STREET, REDFERN, off Pitt-street, near Cleveland-street,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
T. and P. Suite, Whatnot, Oilcloth, Dining Table, Singer Machine, Austrian Chairs, Rocker, Chiffonier, N.P. Double 4-t. Bedstead, W. M. and Bedding, Chest Drs., Washstands and Ware, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c.
A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises, 224 GEORGE-STREET NORTH.
The Contents of a FISH and OYSTER SALOON and BOARDING-HOUSE.
A. G. JENKINS (274 Pitt-street) has been instructed by Mr. George Smith, who is relinquishing the business, to sell as above, on FRIDAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st.
AT THE CITY MART, at 11 o'clock.
WELL-KNOWN KETCH ENVY, 52 tons register, now lying in Blackwattle Bay, Pyrmont.
Complete Outfit, Gear, Sails, and Ground Tackle, in good condition.
By order of the Owner.
FRASER, UTHER, and CO. will sell by auction, as above.
Particulars on application.

Auction Sales.

ORDER OF SALE of PROPERTIES to be SUBMITTED by PUBLIC AUCTION
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, at 11.30 a.m., by HUGH DUFF and CO., at their SALEROOMS, 109 PITT-STREET.

NORTH SYDNEY, Walker-street.—FIRST-CLASS PROPERTY, comprising SHOP and DWELLING of 7 ROOMS and OFFICES, also BUTCHER'S SHOP adjoining, handsomely tiled and decorated, and with all necessary appointments (lease, 5 years). Land 36 x 90, side entrance. ANNUAL RENTS, £260.
SUMMER HILL, Henson and William sts.—HICKLEIGH, RESIDENCE of 6 rooms, kitchen, laundry, and every possible convenience, stables, paddock, &c., beautiful lawns and garden, land 85 x 150.
SUMMER HILL, Henson-street.—ESTHERTON, COTTAGE of 6 rooms, kitchen, laundry, stables, &c., land 70 x 150.
PADDINGTON, 14 Wentworth-street.—Brick HOUSE, containing 7 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, washhouse, &c., large 2-story workshop, spacious yard. Land 72 x 105.
ENMORE, 150 Enmore-road.—Large SHOP, at present used as Billiard-room; 2 small SHOPS and COTTAGE at rear; LAND, 33 x 190 ft. to lane at rear. ANNUAL RENTS, £288 8s.
GOSFORD, Pt. Frederick.—Block of 2½ Acres, fronting Melbourne and Webb streets (double frontage); Block of 1 Acre, fronting Brougham, Victoria, and Adelaide streets; block of ½ Acre, fronting Adelaide and Brougham streets.
CHATSWOOD, Gordon-road.—Brick SHOP and DWELLING of 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, bathroom, &c., 2-stall stable and large shed. Land 30 x 112ft. 7½in. Suitable for baker.
PORT HACKING, water frontage.—The Favourite Fishing Resort, fronting Emu Point and Jibbin Beach.—Block of about 12 Acres, portion of YARMOUTH ESTATE.
Further particulars from HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 109 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
PADDINGTON.—Four Houses, Nos. 73 to 79 Stewart-street, corner of Bent-street.
DITTO.—Cottage and House, Nos. 35 and 37, Windsor-street, between Elizabeth and Cascade streets.
GLEBE POINT.—Cottage, No. 134 Glebe Point-road, little south of St. John's-road, leasehold. Deceased Estate.
DITTO.—Corner Allotment, Glebe Point-road and St. John's-road. Leasehold.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Cottage, No. 82 Union-street, close to Blue's Point-road. Mortgagee's Sale.
DITTO.—House, No. 94 Arthur-street, and Cottage, No. 11 Little Walker-street, at rear, between Junction and Mount streets.
DITTO.—Allotment 22, Sec. 3, Berry-road, St. Leonards Park Estate. Mortgagee's Sale.
NEWTOWN.—Block of Land, Regent, Bishopgate, and Wellington streets, with BLANCHE Cottage, No. 94 Regent-street, thereon. Mortgagee's Sale.
SUMMER HILL.—Corner Shop and Dwelling, Liverpool-road and Gower-street. Mortgagee's Sale.
DOUBLE BAY.—Six Sites, New South Head, Bellevue, and Fairfax roads, each about 1 acre. Leasehold.
WOOLLAHRA.—Cottage, HILLEND, Vernon-street, adj. Robinson's Nursery. Leasehold.
BALMAIN.—Cottage and Land, Crescent and Mullens streets, at Western-road; in one or four lots.
MACDONALDTOWN.—Premises, Nos. 74, 76, and 78 Angel-street, at its junction with Harold-street. Mortgagee's Sale.
CAMPERDOWN.—Three Houses, Nos. 82 to 86 College-street, between Missenden-road and Church-street.
WATERLOO.—Shop and 2 Cottages, Nos. 101 to 105 Pitt and Reeve streets; and Cottage No. 1 Reeve-street, in lots.
DRUMMOYNE.—Butcher's Shop, corner Birkenhead-road and Day-street.
DITTO.—Cottage, Renwick-street, west of Day-street.
DITTO.—Allotment No. 7, Sec. 2, Birkenhead-road, Birkenhead Estate, opposite Council-chambers.
OURIMBAH.—Property, known as TARELLA, area 25 acres, on Main-road, 2½ miles from station, with Cottage and other improvements thereon.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

WATERLOO INVESTMENT. SHOP and 2 COTTAGES, 101, 103, and 105 Pitt-street, at corner of Reeve-street; also Cottage, No. 1 of latter; small handy homes, near tram and 'bus. Rental £1 9s per week. Leasehold, 60 years at £11 14s per annum. In One or Two Lots.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, at 11 o'clock.
(3117) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

NORTH SYDNEY. Elevated position, splendid views, only 5 minutes from Lavender Bay Ferry.
A Two-story HOUSE, comprising No. 94 Arthur-street, and a COTTAGE at the rear, No. 11 Little Walker-street, between Junction and Mount streets. They are built of brick; the former has verandah and balcony in front, and contains hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse (fixed tubs, bath, &c); the latter contains 4 rooms and kitchen. Land 25ft. x 188ft.
AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, at 11 o'clock.
(3109) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

GOING TO BE SOLD, BROUGHTON'S ESTATE, near Glenmore-road, Paddington, NEXT SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, on Ground, 3 p.m. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

NEXT SATURDAY'S APPOINTMENT at 3 p.m. on Broughton's Estate, Paddington.

FIVE SHILLINGS per foot, Claremont Estate, near Ashfield, Sale Sat., 3. Free Train. E. C. V. Broughton.

Building Materials.

F. J. MILLER and CO., 19 Duncan-street, off Bathurst-street, STEAM SAW and JOINERY MILLS, are Selling all kinds of TIMBER, GALV. IRON, DOORS, &c., AT THE LOWEST PRICES IN SYDNEY, FOR CASH ONLY.
SAWING and DRESSING done for the Trade.

STEAMER OR SAILER.

OPINIONS ON THEIR RELATIVE MERITS.

THE NEW YORK TO SYDNEY SERVICE.

Proposals for the inauguration of a steamer service from New York to Australia were recently made. These have now crystallised into the actual fixture of two steamers. Both will sail in May, one under the control of the Associated Freighters and the other under that of another firm which has come to be known as the "opposition." The latter body has also notified its intention of running a regular monthly line to Sydney and Melbourne with alternate calls at Adelaide and Brisbane. One unacquainted into the intricacies of this particular trade would at once assume that the establishment of direct steam communication between New York and Australia was not only quite practicable, but also a progressive move. However, opinions vary much on this subject. Even those most conversant with matters of charters, freights, &c., by no means agree either as to the practicability of a permanent service or the benefits that would accrue were such established. With the view of obtaining the opinions of those most interested the promoters of the new scheme and other gentlemen were asked yesterday by a "Herald" representative for an expression of opinion on this subject.

Mr. S. R. Abrams, who represents Messrs. Flint, Eddy, and Co., of New York, who have been instrumental in making the new departure, was asked whether it was not a fact that the value of the goods usually imported from New York was such that they could not bear an increased freight rate?

"Not at all," replied Mr. Abrams, "for the simple reason that Australian merchants will not be asked to pay an increased freight."

"Will the freight charged for steamers then be identical with that now charged on sailers?"

"Practically so; while at the same time we offer the additional advantage of delivering goods at Sydney at inside of 55 days. Moreover, the service will be regular, there will be certainty of arrival, and the importers will save on both insurance and exchange. We also intend to bring those goods which have hitherto come via London, Southampton, Antwerp, Genoa, and other Continental ports."

"Thus transhipment charges and excessive handling will be saved," explained Mr. H. C. Payne, who, together with Mr. J. I. Falk, was present during the interview.

"Yes," continued Mr. Abrams; "such goods have to pay as high as 70s in the P. and O. boats, and from 45s to 50s in the North German Lloyds, and the rates by direct steamer from New York will be something less than that. That trade is very much more considerable than is generally supposed, comprising furniture, chairs, fancy goods, and many other lines. I believe that when once the steamer service gets going many articles hitherto unknown on this market will find their way here. Such was our experience in the Cape trade. While they were dependent on sailing vessels there they only took rough goods which could be ordered months ahead. They did no business at all in what you call soft goods with the States until the advent of the steamers."

"When did steamers first take the place of sailers there?"

"About five years ago; and now three direct steamers leave New York a month for that quarter. Sailers have not yet been entirely knocked out, but are fast disappearing. I think 80 per cent. of the goods shipped from New York is carried in steamers. During the last few years a great trade has been done in lumber, doors, and household material, as well as in cereals, flour, &c., machinery, all kinds of manufactured hardware, steel goods—bright goods we call them—and tobacco. A similar change will come over trade with this port. South Africa, with a population of only half a million whites, takes three vessels a month, so what should we do here? Goods which now come via San Francisco and Vancouver will come direct from the producing centre."

"And what about the back loading?"

"There is nothing in that. When the steamers come here they will have to go 'seeking.' They may load coal at Newcastle, and go to Mauritius or Manila, thence to London, and from there back to New York."

"You think there is no chance of doing a direct reciprocal trade?"

"Yes," said Mr. Payne, "but not until the American Congress makes some reciprocal arrangement in regard to Australian wool."

"And as to New Zealand?" "That's further ahead," replied Mr. Abrams, "but I think that the people of New Zealand may possibly find it advantageous to have portion of their goods come through Sydney."

"Will you guarantee monthly deliveries?"

"Barring war, weather, &c., yes."

Mr. R. M'Leod Cameron, of Messrs. R. W. Cameron and Co., of New York, whose firm has for more than half a century catered for this trade, took a very different view of the question. He said: "A very large class of American merchandise is of such a character that it cannot afford to pay steamer freight so long as sailers can be availed of at lower rates; nor in most instances does it make much difference whether a few days are saved in transit or not. As to the saving in time that remains to be proved, you can readily understand that during certain months of the year sailing vessels make longer passages than at other times; but, taking the year round, a hundred days' passage is a very liberal estimate. I have known the average to be far lower. Now, what saving in time will there be in steamers? If they are sent direct to one port there will be a saving of, say, 30 to 40 days; if via ports this will be cut down to almost nothing. The latter will necessitate a certain amount of handling of the forward cargo, which does it no good, especially as most American merchandise, for economy's sake, is very poorly protected. It will also mean that discharge will have to be made under pressure, which will necessitate quick delivery being taken by the consignees—a difficult matter for American cargo."

"In order to support a regular service of steamers to the exclusion of sailing vessels," continued Mr. Cameron, "a losing rate would have to be charged on the cheaper class of cargo, and made up on other lines that could afford to pay more, which would place the latter on no better, if as good, a footing as at present, as shipment can be made from New York, via England, or the Continent, at fair rates. Therefore it has to be determined whether one class of merchandise can be benefited at the expense of the other."

"Is there not sufficient higher priced merchandise to warrant a steamer service as well as sailer?"

"No: I am quite sure there is not, i.e., not for a regular service. Another question worthy of consideration is coal. If sufficient is carried for the voyage, it will take up a large amount of cargo space, especially as nearly 50 per cent. more of the American is required to give the same results as Welsh. On the other hand, look at the delay and deviation, if it is necessary to coal on the way, to say nothing of the expense. If steam becomes a permanency it will certainly change the mode of business here, but to the detriment of a large class of merchants."

"What do you think of the chances of reciprocal trade with America?"

"Practically nil. It can only be of so small a volume that it is not worthy of consideration; nor is there much inducement for steamers to come here for outward service in other directions, whilst sailing vessels can readily obtain coal and outward cargoes."

"It is your belief, then, that a steam service will not be altogether a blessing to local interests?"

"It will not; but as a certain number seem to think at present that it is desirable they will have an opportunity of testing the question, as we have arranged to put a steamer on the berth in New York, and the service will be continued if it is desired. You must remember that we have despatched steamers before, but they were not sufficiently successful to warrant a continuance. Personally, it makes no difference to us whether we load steamers or sailers; the necessities of the trade alone determine our actions."

As a representative importer not directly interested in shipping, but still a large supporter of the steamer service, Mr. P. M. Mitchell (David Mitchell and Co.) pointed out the great advantages of such a service. "In the first place," he said, "the trade has, in my opinion, grown too heavy for sailers. It was only a question of time when steamers had to take their place. When you take into consideration that there are 20 to 24 sailing vessels which average about 2000 tons each coming annually to Sydney, bringing between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of goods, besides what filters through London and German ports, you can easily see that the time is ripe now for a steam service. One of the chief advantages would be that we can determine to a day when goods will arrive here. Shipments can be made in accordance with these time arrivals, instead of having to depend on the weather. Take, for instance, the Hollinwood, which took 130 days. Owing to her late arrival many staple lines were almost out of first hands. With steamers stocks could be properly regulated. You can have no better argument than that. Another advantage is that by sailing vessels very often merchants' drafts become due before he can handle the goods, while by steamer he would practically get them from 30 to 40 days before he has to pay for them."

"All the advantages to be gained by a direct steamer service cannot be determined in a moment. America has been a large customer for Australian produce, which hitherto has had to go through London, Antwerp, and various other European ports. If there is sufficient cargo offering a direct gain will thus accrue to the Australian producer."

"As an importer, then, you view the new scheme favourably?"

"I most certainly do. It will be a question of the survival of the fittest between steamers and sailers."

Mr. J. M. Paxton, who, while an expert on shipping matters, is neither directly nor indirectly interested in the continuance of the old sailer service nor in the establishment of a line of steamers, gave our representative the benefit of his knowledge on these matters. He said: "There are certain descriptions of goods that can be brought to the colonies with advantage by steamer which now reach here via London. These would no doubt come in direct bottoms if they were available. On the other hand I fail to see how such lines as kerosene, slates, rosin, turpentine, and cheap goods generally can afford to pay steamer rates of freight. And of these lines the major portion of the cargoes consist. Of course, if people were in a hurry for goods a steamer service would be of great advantage, but it must be recognised that many of the goods imported from New York are held in stock here for a long time, so that expedition in transit is not one of the elements that should be most considered. The more valuable lines of cargo would doubtless pay to be sent by steam if it were for no other reason than the accuracy with which an importer could calculate on their arrival. The question of back loading from Australia can be set on one side. It is practically hopeless. During the wool season it might be possible to load one or two steamers for Boston or Philadelphia, or when American buyers are operating freely perhaps three steamers, but beyond that there is little or nothing in the way of cargo for the eastern States, except Kauri gum from New Zealand, and that invariably goes in comparatively small sailing vessels."

"Where would the steamers go to then?"

"Steamers coming out here in the wool season could in all probability be fixed for wool cargoes to Europe. Or it might be in a good wheat season freights might be sufficiently high to warrant steamers loading that article."

"And between seasons?"

"There would be nothing outside of coal to eastern ports, thence to Europe, or perhaps America."

"And would not this influence the charter cost of the steamers?"

"Most of the steamers would probably be taken up on a time form—that is, at so much per month—with a large range of trade which would leave the charterers free to take advantage of any business that might offer. Of course, if charterers are only prepared to take steamers up for the outward trip to Australia, then they must expect to pay much higher rates of freight, as the owner would require a good margin if steamers were to be re-delivered in these waters, and he had to take the risk of employment thereafter. Charter cost must be relatively heavy, as coal for the outward voyage will be costly; that is, it will take a considerably greater quantity of American than Welsh coal to carry a steamer to the Cape, which would probably be an intermediary bunker place of call, and bunkers are not by any means to be obtained for small money at Capetown—rather the reverse, as steamship owners well know."

TOWN HALL INQUIRY.

A DRAFTING COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

CONCLUSION OF THE EVIDENCE.

The City Council, sitting as a committee of inquiry into the working of the departments of the Town Hall and into the duties of the officers, resumed its investigation yesterday. There were present Alderman M. Harris, M.L.A. (Mayor), Aldermen Booth, Norton, Beare, Landers, M. Chapman, J. Harris, Dean, Fowler, M.L.C., Buckle, Penny, Jessep, M.L.A., and Small.

A DRAFT COMMITTEE.

Alderman Norton said he presumed the inquiry would end that day. It would be useless for the whole committee to sit as a draft committee. The proper method would be to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a draft report. He would move in that direction, and that the members be the Mayor, Alderman J. Harris, Alderman Landers, and himself. The report could be discussed, and could be amended by the whole committee of inquiry.

Alderman M. Chapman said it would be just as well if the report was drafted in full committee.

Alderman Landers said in reference to Alderman Norton's motion, although he was not altogether opposed to it, he could scarcely agree with it, as he had great doubt whether the committee had power to appoint such a small sub-committee. The bylaws provided for a sub-committee of not less than eight.

The Mayor said that the bylaw only referred to the council. The committee could appoint whatever number it liked on a sub-committee.

Alderman Landers moved as an amendment,—"That a sub-committee of eight be appointed to draft the report."

Alderman J. Harris said the council had delegated its powers in matters like that to the town clerk and to other aldermen. If the committee appointed a sub-committee of eight it would appoint a debating class. What the drafting committee would have to do would be to sift the chaff from the wheat in the evidence.

The amendment for a sub-committee of eight was carried by 7 votes to 2 votes.

Alderman Norton proposed that on the sub-committee there should be the Mayor, Aldermen John Harris, Landers, Jessep, M. Chapman, Fowler, and the mover.

The Mayor: Another is wanted.
An alderman: Alderman Buckle.
Alderman Norton: I don't think Alderman Buckle should sit on the committee.
Alderman Buckle: Why?
Alderman Norton: There is that sand question.
Alderman Buckle: You need not sit.
Alderman Norton: I won't sit if you do.
Alderman Buckle: Who are you?
Alderman Norton: If you will resign your seat I will resign mine on the council.
Alderman Buckle: I won't resign my seat. Why should I resign it?
The Mayor: If Alderman Buckle will not sit, we shall have Alderman Booth in his place.
Alderman Norton said he wished to apologise to Alderman Buckle. What he had said about the sand he did not mean anything in an offensive way.

The sub-committee was agreed to as follows:—The Mayor, Aldermen J. Harris, Landers, Jessep, M. Chapman, Fowler, Booth, and Norton.

END OF THE EXAMINATION.

Dr. Gwynne Hughes, city health officer, examined by Alderman Norton, said he had occupied his position for seven and a half years. He sent in reports every month on the health of the city. He made inspections on his own volition and by request of the inspector of nuisance.

Alderman Norton: What is your opinion of the sanitary state of the city with regard to the taking of rubbish from the back yards and being deposited in tins in the streets?

Witness: I think the conveyance of rubbish could be done in a better way. But as far as the health and cleanliness of the city are concerned I think the city compares very favourably with any big city in England that I have seen.

Continuing, witness said the tip was undoubtedly a menace to health. He thought it would be possible to disinfect each load of rubbish with carbolic acid or Jay's disinfectant. It would be better if the loads were disinfected.

Examined by Alderman Fowler, witness said the people in the locality of the tip were wonderfully free from disease. They had made no complaint about the tip.

Mr. S. H. Solomon, inspector of accounts, was further examined.

A request had been made that the late city architect (Mr. M'Rae) should be examined.

The Mayor said a telephone message had been received from Mr. M'Rae stating that he could not come without leave from the Government. As Mr. M'Rae could not come at once he did not think it would be well to prolong the inquiry by waiting a couple of days for that gentleman. On Friday the committee would visit the depots of the council.

Alderman Jessep: I do think that before the evidence closes this committee's version of the Redfern Council and the Dowling-street affair should be made public.

Alderman Norton: We shall have it all before us on the report. We know who promoted this.

Alderman Fowler moved that the drafting committee should meet on Monday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to, and the committee adjourned til Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

SOUTH COAST TOURIST DISTRICT.

A deputation, representing the residents of the South Coast district, was introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday morning by Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., to urge the Commissioners to declare the district served by the Illawarra line a tourist district, so that the fares operating to the tourist districts on other lines might be applied to that district; also that better second-class carriages might be provided; that the 1.50 p.m. Saturday train might be extended from Kiama to Nowra, and that some of the trains might be accelerated. It was urged in support of these requests that the South Coast district possessed unrivalled scenery, and would be largely patronised if the facility of tourist tickets were extended to the district.

In reply, the Chief Commissioner stated that the question of making the South Coast a tourist district as asked would involve a loss in revenue of £2000 per annum, and the Commissioners did not think that there would be sufficient additional traffic to compensate for the loss, and the state of the revenue at the present time would not permit of experiments of that kind being made. With regard to what had been said about the second-class carriages, the rolling stock was in a progressive state, and as old stock wore out, better stock was substituted, but it was impossible for it to be supplied on all lines at once. With regard to the extension of the 1.50 p.m. train on Saturdays from Kiama to Nowra, the cost of the extension would be out of all proportion to the traffic to be derived, and they could not comply with the request. The deputation might rest assured that when the Commissioners saw an opportunity to give any concession to the South Coast district they would do so.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

WINE AWARDS.

The following awards have been made in connection with the forthcoming show of the above society. The judges were—Signor R. Bragato, Professor M. Blunno, Mr. Jules Renard, sen., Mr. A. B. Holmes, Mr. J. P. Peel, Mr. A. Metzler:—

Red wine, light, dry, 2 years old or over, six bottles: W. Y. Cousins, 1; James Kelman, 2 and 3. Red wine, full-bodied, dry, 2 years old or over, six bottles: W. Y. Cousins, 1 and 2; James Kelman, 3. Red wine, full-bodied, sweet, 2 years old or over, six bottles: Eaton, 1 and 2; no third award. White wine, light, dry, 2 years old or over, six bottles: James Kelman, 1; W. Y. Cousins, 2 and 3. White wine, full-bodied, dry, 2 years old or over, six bottles: James Kelman, 1, 2, and 3. White wine, full-bodied, sweet, 2 years old or over, six bottles: Adam Roth, jun., 1; Eaton, Grant, and Co., 2; W. Y. Cousins, 3. Muscat wine, 2 years old or over, six bottles: Eaton, Grant, and Co., 1, 2, and 3. Red wine, light, dry, 1897 vintage, three bottles: George Hall, 1; James Kelman, 2 and 3. Red wine, full-bodied, sweet, 1897 vintage, three bottles: A. H. Bray, 1. White wine, light, dry, 1897 vintage, three bottles: James Kelman, 1 and 2; no third awarded. White wine, full-bodied, sweet, 1897 vintage, three bottles: W. Y. Cousins, 1 and 2. Muscat wine, 1897 vintage, three bottles: Eaton, Grant, and Co., 1; W. Y. Cousins, 2; no third awarded. Dry wine, four varieties, three bottles ofeach, champion prize: James Kelman. Champion prize, dry wine, above class, gold medal: James Kelman. Sweet wine, four varieties, three bottles of each: Eaton, Grant, and Co. Sweet wine, above class, gold medal: Eaton, Grant, and Co. Brandy, Australian, made from juice of grapes, six bottles: James Kelman, 1; J. Angus and Sons, 2. Orange wine: W. Y. Cousins, 1. Champagne cider: G. E. Staples, 1.

FOR ATHLETES, AND ALL OTHERS interested in athletics, cycling, golf, tennis, riding, sparring, or any sport, a bath with CUTICURA SOAP is one of the luxuries of modern civilization. It cleanses, purifies, and beautifies the skin, scalp, and hair, soothes and prevents chafing, itching, irritation, and inflammation, and when followed by a gentle anointing with CUTICURA, purest and sweetest of emollients, proves most grateful in relieving and strengthening tired, lamed, strained, and painful muscles.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

MOTION TO CONTINUE INJUNCTION.
Cooper v. Ewart.

Mr. Lingen, instructed by Mr. Davenport, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Iceton and Faithfull, for the defendant. The plaintiff, William Charles Cooper, applied that the injunction granted by an order on March 18 restraining the defendant, William Ewart, a contractor, from entering upon lots 15 and 16, Point Piper, and removing sand therefrom might be continued until the hearing of the suit. There were affidavits on both sides showing that opinions differed as to whether the removal of the sand improved or deteriorated the property. His Honor said it seemed to him that there was ample evidence to show that injury was being done. He granted the application, but observed that it was not necessary for him to say what view he might take at the hearing.

SUIT TO FORECLOSE EQUITY OF REDEMPTION.
Flood and others v. Oatley and others.

Mr. Knox and Mr. Bailey M'Arthur, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Gregory Walker, Q.C., and Mr. Lingen, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the defendant E. E. A. Oatley; and Mr. Hemsley, of Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, for the defendants the Bank of New South Wales and Charles Westbrook. This was a suit brought by the plaintiffs, Florence Adelaide Flood, John Macpherson, and Frederick Augustus Oatley, to foreclose the defendant E. E. A. Oatley's equity of redemption in the estate of the late Hon. E. Flood. The defendants entered a counter claim claiming a partition or sale of the estate. The plaintiffs, in reply to the counter claim, contended that it was impossible to partition Lake Midgeon Station, and that as Lake Midgeon Station represented more than two-thirds of the value of the estate it was impossible to partition the estate at all. It was admitted on the pleadings that in October last a sum of £41,307 14s was owing to the plaintiffs. A decree was made for foreclosure, six months being fixed within which the defendants could redeem. The counter claim was dismissed with costs against the defendant Oatley.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

APPLICATION FOR RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

Re Arthur R. Bergner. Mr. Quinlan appeared on behalf of the bankrupt in support of an application for an order for a release from custody. Mr. Maddocks Cohen, for F. Kanematsu; and Mr. Palmer, official assignee, for the creditors of the estate. In an affidavit the applicant said that on March 26 he was arrested under an order made the same day by Mr. Justice Stephen, who directed that a writ should issue against him in an action in the Supreme Court in which F. Kanematsu was plaintiff. The alleged cause of action was for money alleged to be due by bankrupt for goods sold and delivered. Bankrupt emphatically denied a statement in an affidavit in support of the writ that he had any intention of leaving the colony. In reply to his Honor Mr. Cohen said they were quite agreeable that the bankrupt should be released provided he entered into sufficient sureties to attend his examination, and also not to leave the colony until he obtained his certificate. His Honor granted the application for release on condition that bankrupt filed an account of £50 for the sale of his business which he received, and was bound in one surety of £100 not to leave the colony unless in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Imprisonment for Debt Act or the Bankruptcy Amendment Act.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Alfred Charles Gill. The Registrar was of opinion after careful perusal of all the evidence and proceedings in this matter that no offence had been committed requiring suspension of the certificate, and he ordered the certificate to issue.

Re Frank Pitterino. Report read. No reply. The bankrupt is to attend for examination. Adjourned to April 6.

Re Elijah Keating. The bankrupt was present. The Registrar decided that unless an answer was filed and the statement amended by April 4 this application should be dealt with upon the report of the official assignee on April 6 and the report forwarded to the Public Service Board. The bankrupt must prove payment in full of creditors in former bankruptcy. The application was adjourned to April 6.

Re Thomas Stocker Manuell. The Registrar found that the bankrupt had failed to keep proper books, and he suspended the certificate for 12 months.

The applications of Albert James Fraser and Charles Hurkett were adjourned to April 20.

RESOLUTION APPROVED.

Re William Snell Chauncy. A resolution carried at Albury to allow the bankrupt his household and office furniture, library, and effects was approved subject to payment within one month of the preferential claims proved and balance of expenses of bankruptcy.

MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ESTATE.

Re George Thorpe. All creditors have given an acquittance. There was no report from the official assignee as to the bankrupt's conduct, and after reading the proceedings in the matter the Registrar came to the conclusion that he could only now make an order for the release of the estate. An application for certificate must be made separately.

MOTION UNDER SECTION 19.

Re Rochfort George Hull. Having received and considered a report from the Registrar-General, the Registrar now made an order that the bankrupt pay the official assignee £4 per month until further order, the first payment to be made on April 1.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

The meetings of Mary Ann Devine and George John King closed, and the public examinations were declared concluded. The meeting of Ignatius Wall was adjourned to April 20.

Re John Hubert Plunkett Hobbs. A resolution was moved that the bankrupt be allowed to retain his furniture; but only two days' notice had been given. Adjourned to April 6.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Moran, deceased, John Harmer was examined.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Heydon.)

Mr. C. G. Wade was Crown Prosecutor.

CHARGE OF WOUNDING.

Charles Jamieson, Henry Jamieson, Frederick Steele, Thomas Pritchard, James Bell, and Walter Josiah Gentle were arraigned upon a charge of having on February 4, at Newtown, maliciously wounded Charles Edgar Clothier with intent thereby to do grievous bodily harm to him. The case stood part heard from the previous day. All the accused pleaded not guilty, and Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared to defend them. The case for the Crown was that the accused had overtaken Clothier near his residence, and one of them had struck him on the head with a heavy instrument, fracturing his skull.

For the defence, Charles Jamieson said that when in company with Steele, Gentle, and Pritchard, he overtook Clothier and challenged him to fight. Gentle and Steele left him and went in pursuit of another man. Clothier drew a stick and struck Jamieson, who then threw him against a post. Clothier's head struck the post and caused the injuries from which he was suffering. On behalf of Bell an alibi was set up, and witnesses were called, who swore that during the whole period of the assault Bell was present at a theatrical performance at Newtown.

When the Court rose the case was unfinished.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. Oliver, President, Freeman, and Brandis, Commissioners.)

APPEALS.

In the appeal of A. L. J. Poole against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase application, No. 96-9, Gunnedah, decision was reserved. Decision was also reserved in the appeal of M. Bolger against the confirmation of James Bairstow's homestead selection application, No. 96-26, Deniliquin, and against the disallowance of his homestead selection application, No. 97-28, Deniliquin.

The trustees of Deniliquin permanent and temporary commons appealed against the proposed withdrawal of part of the Deniliquin temporary common for settlement, and the Court returned the matter to the local board for re-hearing, the deposit to be refunded.

On the appeal of J. D. Benson against the disallowance of his conditional purchase application, No. 97-9, Taree, the matter was returned to the local board for re-hearing with the direction that if the board rejected certain evidence, which it had at the previous hearing rejected, the reason for so doing should be stated.

M. M'Dermott appealed against the recommendation of the local land board in respect of his special lease application, No. 98-3, Newcastle. The land had been leased under a special Act for the purpose of enabling the construction of a graving dock at Stockton. The local board fixed the rental at £100 per annum for the first two years, £200 per annum for the succeeding three years, £300 per annum for the following 28 years. For the second term of 33 years reappraisement was to be made, and the procedure was to be repeated for the third term of 33 years. The Court recommended a lease for 99 years at £250 per annum for the whole of the term without any reappraisement.

REFERENCE.

In the reference from the Tamworth Land Board for direction in respect of additional conditional purchase No. 91-34, Tamworth (A.M.P. Society mortgagees) decision was reserved.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, March 31.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, at 10 a.m.: Maher v. Bellamy, motion to continue injunction; Farnell v. Cox, summons for directions; Peters v. Phelps, motion for leave to reopen; re E. U. S. Coker and another, infants, summons for appointment of guardian; Evans v. Torpy, motion for decree; Nagle v. Gordon, summons to enforce decree; Keary v. Anderson, motion for decree.

Master's Office.—At 11 a.m.: Moss v. Moss, to proceed on accounts (all day appointment).

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Re J. R. West, deceased, probate taxation. At 12 noon: Bonang Gold-mining Company, Limited, and Companies Act, taxation.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—In re gest., one, ex parte Levinson, 10.30; Booker v. Heighway, 11; Bertinshaw v. Clifton, 12; same v. same, 12; Hitchins v. Hitchins, 2.30; Caltman v. Railway Commissioners, 3. Before the Chief Clerk.—Municipal Council of Sydney v. Sydney and Suburban Mutual Permanent Building Company, 10.30; James M'Ewan and Company, Limited, v. Foster and another, 10.30; same v. same, 10.45.

Before his Honor the Bankruptcy Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Re J. J. Walters, for judgment.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Re David Hanna, application for order for substitution of notice. Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications—Percy Scarr, Michael Meehan, Richard Boulder, Mortimer Montgomery. Hearing of creditor's petition—Brunton and Co. v. H. Grace. Hearing of proof of debt—Re William Wade.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar, at 11 a.m.: To proceed on accounts in the following estates:—Donald John M'Lennan, Edward Lloyd, Sir John Hay, Thomas Mullan.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Thursday, March 31. Charles Jamieson, Frederick Steel, Thomas Pritchard, William Joseph Gentle, James Bell, and Henry Jamieson, wounding with intent (part heard).

The jurors summoned to attend the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, this day will not be required until to-morrow (Friday) morning at 9.45.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, March 31.
(Before the Registrar.)
Taxation of Costs.—Stevens v. Blain, 10.30 a.m.

A TOUR IN NEW ZEALAND.

LECTURE BY MR. BRUCE SMITH.

Mr. Bruce Smith delivered, under the auspices of the Shorthand Writers and Typists' Society, at the School of Arts last evening, a lecture on "A Holiday Tour in New Zealand." There was a large attendance, and the chair was occupied by the Hon. W. H. Pigott, M.L.C., president of the society. Wellington, the seat of Government, Mr. Bruce Smith described as being a very disappointing city both in regard to location and climate. It was noted for its wind and rain. The former came down the valleys around the town like a draft through a crack in a door, and it carried the rain horizontally, so that one wondered where it would ultimately fall if it were not intercepted. The lecturer referred to the skilful way in which public buildings had been erected in wood to imitate stone, being painted and sanded over. Even the Corinthian pillar, with its florid capital, had been imitated so that one could scarcely distinguish it from stone. Government House was an inartistic Italian structure surrounded with a high iron fence. To live there for five years should certainly entitle an English peer to a Victoria Cross. Christchurch was on level land between mountains. It reminded him of the Kingdom of Rasselas in Dr. Johnson's story of that name. Christchurch was quite scholastic in its atmosphere. The cathedral and other public buildings were subdued and restful in their architecture and free from that blustering, boastful air that ran into towers and flagstaffs. It reminded him of Oxford or some English cathedral town. Mr. Bruce Smith spoke of the picturesque suburbs of Christchurch, of the pretty winding river running through the town, with its dainty filagree iron bridges, and its margin of lawn and English trees. He referred, too, to the improvement committee, whose members devoted themselves to making the ugly corners of the town beautiful to the eye by laying down lawns and planting beds of pretty flowers in various places, where rubbish would otherwise be shot. The lecturer then referred to Dunedin, and its spirit of commerce and shipping. The people had business and industry in their eye and their gait. The lecturer had much to say in praise of Auckland and its harbour. Sydney Harbour could be comfortably hidden in one corner of it. Mr. Bruce Smith then confessed his inability to give any adequate idea of the West Coast Sounds in point of beauty. The scenery was indescribable, unless it were to be attempted by a Beethoven in a series of sonatas. The presence of the snow-clad mountains, hanging almost over the ship's masts, and standing perpendicularly to a height of 8000ft. or 10,000ft. humiliated one, and imposed silence on the spectator. Then Mr. Bruce Smith entered shortly upon the subject of New Zealand politics, which, he said, were of a character to frighten away that much abused monster, "the capitalist." He mentioned particularly the power which was given to the State to resume the whole of a citizen's property for purposes of resale, leaving him no more than 2000 acres; and he referred also to the Arbitration Act, under which half a dozen workmen could at any time require an employer to go before a Judge and show cause why he should not alter the whole or any portion of the conditions of his business in accordance with their (the workmen's) ideas. This sort of legislation was distinctly novel, but whether it was of a kind that entitled those who adopted it to speak of themselves as being "in the van of human progress" was doubtful. (Loud applause.)

Votes of thanks were accorded to both the lecturer and the chairman.

CROWN LANDS.

Information regarding Crown Lands for Homestead Selection, Settlement Lease, and Improvement Lease, compiled by the Information Bureau of the Lands Department:—

WEST BOGAN SCRUB LANDS.

The notification of the 16th instant, by which tenders were invited for Monday, April 18th, has been amended in "Gazette" of 30th instant, and the time for lodging tenders has been extended to May 2nd, 1898.

A distinct feature of the amended notification is the inclusion of the value of the scrubbing under the rental, so that any person tendering is under no uncertainty as to his liability in that direction.

Thirty blocks are thrown open for tender, with areas ranging from 2160 to 10,241 acres, and rents varying from 1d to 2d per acre.

These rentals (covering as they do the cost of the scrubbing) will be recognised as very low.

All the areas are within easy reach of railway communication, being close to Nyngan, Girilambone, and Summervale stations.

The land is described as generally consisting of good, red, loamy soil, with some gravelly ridges, and possessing good facilities for the conservation of water.

The conditions attached to the leases deserve special attention. Some of the most important are as follow:—

Lease for 28 years.

Land to be fenced within 3 years.

The lessee shall destroy all rabbits and other vermin, and keep the land clear of noxious weeds, scrub, &c.

The lessee shall burn off all fallen timber and debris if and when required after not less than 6 months' notice.

Tenant right in improvements upon expiration of lease.

Persons tendering are to state whether they are willing to carry out conditions of residence, and if so to name the conditions by which they are willing to be bound. Minister to have option of accepting tenders of persons agreeing to such residence conditions in preference to other tenders.

Survey fee not to exceed £2 per mile, and payment to be extended over 5 years.

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

The following areas will be set apart during the week ending the 2nd proximo:—

Cooma Land District.—621 acres, in 2 blocks, of 289 and 332 acres; distant 3 miles from Nimmitabel and 26 miles from Cooma; capital value, 35s and 30s per acre; will be available 26th May, 1898.

Tamworth Land District.—555 acres, in 24 blocks; areas range from 4 acres to 378 acres; distant 8 miles from Manilla; capital value, £2 to £8 per acre; will be available 2nd June, 1898.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Coonamble Land District, on Bundybundally Holding.—16,193 acres, in 5 farms; areas range from 2983 acres to 3452 acres; distant 14 to 20 miles from Gilgandra, and 54 to 60 miles from Dubbo; capital value, 7s 6d per acre; will be available 12th May, 1898.

Deniliquin Land District, on Boonbala Holding.—14,816 acres, in 7 farms; areas range from 1230 to 2620 acres; distant 1 to 3 miles from Wangonilla, and 31 to 39 miles from Deniliquin; capital value, 25s per acre; will be available 26th May, 1898.

Gunnedah Land District.—4006 acres, in 2 farms, of 2300 and 1706 acres; distant 16 miles from Gunnedah; capital value, 16s 8d and 20s 8d per acre; will be available 19th May, 1898.

Inverell Land District.—19,191 acres, in 4 farms; areas range from 3260 acres to 5850 acres; distant 30 to 40 miles from Emmaville, and 30 to 36 miles from Inverell; capital value, 5s to 12s per acre; will be available 19th May, 1898.

The following areas will become available on Thursday next, the 7th proximo:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Land District of Dubbo, on Bulgandramine Holding.—2 blocks, 2525 acres.

Land District of Barmedman, on Ariah Holding.—8 blocks, 7099 acres.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Land District of Dubbo.—3 sub-divisions on Bulgandramine, Eurombedah, and The Springs Holdings, containing in the aggregate an area of 55,572 acres, divided into 22 farms.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Lands Department Bureau; or from the Crown Lands Agents of the districts.

The fourth edition of the pamphlet containing particulars of all Crown Lands available for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease throughout the colony may be obtained at the Government Printing Office; Information Bureau, Lands Department; or from any Crown Land Agents. Price, 6d.

Lands Department "Weekly Gazette."—Full particulars are given in this "Gazette" of all lands that are being made available for settlement, and, in addition, all the notifications issued by the Department of Lands, and published in the ordinary "Gazette," appear in this issue. The terms of subscription are 5s per quarter, and application should be made to the Government Printer.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

The weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court was held yesterday. The following publicans' licenses were transferred:—Austral Hotel, Bourke-street, R. Frost to G. Bunce; Victoria Arms, Kent-street, H. Wallace to R. Burke; Caxton, Palmer-street, H. Weber to T. Mahon; White Hart, King-street, F. M'Clelland to A. R. Eva.

"STIMULANTS AND INSUFFICIENT EXERCISE" frequently derange the liver. ENO'S "FRUIT SALT" is peculiarly adapted for any constitutional weakness of the liver. A world of woes is avoided by those who use ENO'S "FRUIT SALT." "All our customers for ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT' would not be without it upon any consideration, they having received so much benefit from it."—Wood Brothers, Chemists, Jersey. Its effect upon any disordered or feverish condition is simply marvellous. It is, in fact, Nature's own remedy, and an unsurpassed one. Caution.—See capsule marked ENO'S "FRUIT SALT." Without it you have a worthless imitation.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 30.

Monowai, s., 3433 tons, Captain H. W. H. Chatfield, from Wellington. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Kight, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. G. Carlyon 2 children and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Capper, Mr. and Mrs. Alsop, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. M'Intosh and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Morley, Mesdames E. Park and 2 infants, Augenson and maid, Hall, H. Johnston, Richards, A. Boardman, Bennett and 2 infants, Batger and child, Bonan, Broughton, Sanderson, and Lady Buckley, Misses Rathbone, Jones, M'Lean, Smithson, Woods, Holder, Reid (2), A. A. Mildon, M'Laughlin, Christie, B. Harrison, Broughton, Sanderson, Fry (3), Davey, Messrs. H. Cutten, Park, Kenyon, Edward Fouth, G. Gould, C. L. Garland, C. Diamond, R. Gardner, T. Raphael, H. T. Duncan, J. R. Duncan, Hall, F. Buxton, Busson, A. W. Farris, Bonan, Jamieson, R. Hendry, C. R. Smith, C. H. Jackson, W. H. M'Cullough, Woods, Stewart, E. Farry, R. Duncan, M. Pollock, W. Tonge, T. Dalrymple, Ison, S. Ubde, Sanderson, Ashton, E. Doublet, J. Henderson, and 70 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Coraki, s., 326 tons, Captain S. Boulden, from Manning River March 29. Passengers—Mesdames Browing, Tilney, and Gregg, Miss Shoesmith, Messrs. W. Langley, W. M'Intosh, H. W. Flett, S. Flett, G. Walters, A. Carey, A. Moore, H. Perrott, G. Fox, G. Latham, H. Ruprecht, and C. M'Allister, and 7 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Dovedale, s., 2821 tons, Captain T. Darley, from Fremantle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Tekapo, s., 2439 tons, Captain H. Sams, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

South Australian, s., 716 tons, Captain R. Magrath, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

Burrumbeet, s., 2420 tons, Captain W. Hipgrave, from Newcastle for Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Larnaca, s., 2237 tons, from Western Australia, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 30.

Austral, R.M.S., for London, via ports.
Elingamite, s., for Auckland.
Rockton, s., for Fremantle, via ports.
Birksgate, s., for Noumea and Fiji.
Esemplare, barque, for Genoa.
Elisabeth, barque, for Matupi.
Ashley, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Cloncurry, s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 31.

Adelaide, s., for Melbourne; Tekapo, s., for Launceston, via Eden; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Sydney, s., for Newcastle; South Australian, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 30.

Austral, Royal Mail steamer, 5534 tons, Captain J. F. Anderson, for London, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Ashley, s., 2297 tons, Captain J. W. Webber, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Cloncurry, s., 2579 tons, Captain H. Strom, for Newcastle, in ballast.

Rockton, s., 1971 tons, Captain W. J. Simpson, for Fremantle, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Ware and 4 children, Mrs. Smith, Miss Dawson, Messrs. A. H. Mountain, H. Smith, M. Smith, T. Clausen, S. S. Bloxsome, E. Johnson, E. A. Randell, G. Schofield, W. Williams, W. O'Shaughnessy, and 22 in the steerage.

Birksgate, s., 1458 tons, Captain C. E. Saunders, for Noumea, New Hebrides, and Fiji. Passengers—Mrs. M'Millan, Mrs. Hebiz, Mrs. T. W. Leggett and child, Mrs. Macdonald and child, Mrs. Annaud, Mrs. J. D. Landels and 2 children, Miss Lansdowne, Captain Wendt, Captain Lawrence, Rev. Dr. Annaud, Rev. H. Worrall, Rev. Mr. M'Millan, Rev. T. W. Leggett, Rev. Macdonald, Messrs. H. Schultz, Bowis, Mitchell, and 10 in the steerage.

Elingamite, s., 2585 tons, Captain A. H. Thorpe, for Auckland and N.Z. ports. Passengers—Mesdames C. Bibbing, Arey, C. Abel, Rosenberg and child, Neill, Cullen and 2 children, Maunsell, Mansfield, Field and 2 children, Cygaso, Hotchin, Cuttle, Misses Abel (3), Green, Murphy, J. Brown, A. Brown, Waddell, Kendall, Messrs. Charles Bibbing, C. Van der Heyde, Nesbit, Roberts, C. Goldsmith, Waddell, R. B. C. Craig, Mansfield, Guy Trenchard, A. G. Furness, Maunsell, W. Wynyard, A. G. Dodgson, C. Owen, A. T. Mason, Field, Arey, A. Mason, Master M'Gahan, and 30 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—March 30.

Alexandra, ketch, Captain C. Lunge, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—March 30.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Monowai, s., from Wellington: 1746 sacks oats, 486 cases cheese, 70 sacks oatmeal, 216 bales wine, 999 sacks onions, 119 sacks peas and beans, 225 sacks g. seed, 42 sacks tares, 120 sacks potatoes, 17 sacks rye corn, 403 bales hay, 500 sacks malt, 49 bales hemp and flax, 42 bales and 50 sacks fungus, 2.2 ingots zinc, 63 cases whitebait, 43 cases meats, 11 packages tallow, 17 bags hides, 50 kegs casings, 11 boxes soap, 10 cases jam, 109 drums dip, 98 packages agricultural implements, 52 cases cough cure, and a large quantity sundries.

Coraki, s., from Manning River: 500 bags maize, 80 bags oysters, 6 bags pumpkins, 120 cases eggs, 16 cases fruit, 8 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 30 coops poultry, 3 horses, 200 kegs butter, 120 pigs, 30 packages sundries, 16 cans cream, 10 girders, 1 bundle sheepskins, 1 coop pigeons, 10 pieces machinery.

Hauroto, s., from the Islands: 242 bunches bananas, 34 sacks fungus, 40 sacks cocoanuts, 55 packages machinery, 163 quarter-casks 154 hogsheads white spirit, 3218 sacks copra, 144 sacks peanuts, 99 sacks maize, 27 packages sundries, 1 box coin.

Pukaki, s., from Westport (N.Z.): 500 tons coal, 55 tons machinery.

EXPORTS.—March 30.

Austral, R.M.S., for London: 113 bales wool, 29 bales basils, 191 bales leather, 12 bales furskins, 3800 cases meats, 10 sacks flour, 25 casks tallow, 5957 ingots copper, 36 sacks bran, 21 boxes silver bullion (£2675), 12 boxes gold bullion (£46,109), 16 boxes dore bullion (£10,488), 1 case jewellery (£175), 1 case cigars, 695 packages pearlshell, 4167 bags concentrates, and sundries.

Elingamite, s., for Auckland: 200 pairs shafts, 36 poles, 5211 felloes, 150 bags bottles, 25 cases stout, 93 ingots tin, 50 cases soap, 30 bags nitrate soda, 5 packages periodicals, 5 octaves brandy, 100 sacks sugar, 90 bundles shingles, 8 bags sand, 20 sacks arrowroot, 10 cases brandy, 100 cases soap, 20 barrels glucose, 44 tubes, 17 steel plates, 810 bags salt, 48 bags bones, 500 spokes, 204 pieces naves, 2135 pieces timber, 12 piles, 35 boxes horseshoe nails, 3 packages, 5 cases blue, 150 bundles rattans, 70 rolls wire netting, 450 cases schnapps, 4 girders, 57 tubes, 500 cases kerosene, 5 rolls lead, 20 bags couldust, 5 sacks plumbago, 35 cases wine, 235 cases fruit, 9 cases granite, 529 bags wheat, 585 bags bottles, 1770 bags bones, and 108 packages sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered Outwards: March 30, Adelaide, s., 1711 tons, Captain J. Ussher, for Melbourne; Pukaki, s., 1464 tons, Captain A. P. Anthony for Lyttleton, via Newcastle.

The steamer Paris recently left the Tyne, fully laden, on her official trial trip. Her dimensions are 230ft. by 32ft., by 16ft. 6in., and she is intended for a special trade from Cardiff to Continental ports. A feature in connection with the steamer is her exceedingly small register compared with the deadweight carried. The register tonnage is only 507 tons, and the vessel carries 1500 tons.

The American barquentine Abiel Abbot arrived from New York at Auckland, after a stormy voyage of 138 days. Almost nothing but heavy gales and high seas were experienced from the time of sailing until making the New Zealand coast. Among the cargo of the vessel is a large number of steel rails and a quantity of pig iron, which is about the first time that such articles have been brought from the United States to New Zealand.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: March 30, Peregrine, s., from Townsville. Departures: March 30, Peregrine, s., for Sydney; Chingtu, s., for Hongkong.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Departure: March 10, Rob Roy, s., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrivals: March 30, Colac, s., Wodonga, s., from Sydney. Departure: March 30, Airlie, s., for Sydney.

COOKTOWN.—Arrival: March 30, Duke of Buckingham, s., from London.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Departure: March 30, Tsinan, s., for Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrival: March 30, Arawatta, s., from Cooktown.

YAMBA.—Departure: March 30, Kallatina at 1.5 p.m., for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: March 29, Hauroto, s., from Fiji; South Australian, s., Sydney, s., Tamar, s., Timaru, s., Balmain, s., Excelsior, s., Port Albert, s., Birma, Southern Belle, barque, Ashley, s., Tagliaferro, s., from Sydney; Wendouree, s., from Adelaide, via Port Kembla. Departures: March 29, Williams, s., for Port Stephens; Tekapo, s., for Launceston, via Sydney, with 1350 tons coal; Easby, s., for Melbourne, with 1800 tons coal; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2250 tons coal; Time, s., for Wallaroo, with 3330 tons coal; Excelsior, s., for the Tweed River; Forest Queen, ketch, for Cape Hawke; South Australian, s., Timaru, s., Tamar, s., Sydney, s., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 29, Aramac, s., at 11.30 a.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: March 30, Polynesien, s., from Marseilles; Ophir, R.M.S., from London; Pateena, s., from Launceston; Innamincka, s., from Western Australia; Bracadale, four-masted barque, from Liverpool. Departures: March 30, Polynesien, s., Ophir, R.M.S., Franklin, s., Nairnshire, s., and Leura, s., for Sydney; Waroonga, s., for Western Australia; Warratea, s., for Strahan; Age, s., for Adelaide; Norkoowa, s., for Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrivals: March 30, Charles F. Crocker, ship, from Puget Sound. Departure: March 30, Kadina, s., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: March 30, Willyama, s., from Newcastle; Lizzie Taylor, ketch, from Strahan. Departure: March 30, Meissen, s., for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—March 30, Augusta, s., barbound, 5.15 p.m. Strong fresh running out.

RICHMOND HEADS.—March 30, Tomki, s., Electra, St. George, all barbound. 10ft. 6in. on bar and 12ft. on inside channel at high water; fresh running out.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: March 30, Kallatina, s., at 1.5 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: March 30, Oakland, s., at 1.45 p.m., north.

BELLINGER HEADS.—March 30, Rosedale, s., and Bessie Maud, ketch, barbound.

MACLEAY HEADS.—March 30, Alfred Fenning, ketch, barbound.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Passed: March 30, steamer like Excelsior at 9.30 a.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: March 30, Cintra, s., at 11.30 a.m. and Macleay, s., at 2.55 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: March 30, Ballarra, s., at 11 a.m., and Barrabool, s., at 1.30 p.m., north.

CAPE HAWKE.—March 30, Coral, ketch, barbound.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: March 30, City of Grafton, s., at 12.30 p.m., and Kelloe, s., at 1.30 p.m., north.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: March 30, Kate, s., at .50 p.m.

BELLAMBI.—Departure: March 30, Herga, s., at 8 a.m., for Bulli.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: March 30, Prospero, brig, at 7.30 a.m., from Sydney; Hally Bayley, schooner, at 3.30 p.m., from Botany.

PORT KEMBLA.—Arrival: March 30, Mount Kembla, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: March 30, Wendouree, s., at 10 a.m., for Newcastle; Mount Kembla at 7 p.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: March 30, Coomonderry, s., at 5.30 a.m., and Bega, s., at noon, from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: March 30, Larnaca at 2.30 p.m., north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: March 30, Peterborough, s., at 1.10 p.m., from Sydney.

MORUYA.—Departure: March 30, Murray, s., at 1.15 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: March 30, Otway, s., at 8.45 a.m., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 30, Carte Blanche, barque, from Malden to Melbourne, at 8 a.m., south; Aramac, s., at 11.30 a.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: March 30, Queenscliff, s., at 1.5 p.m. Passed outwards: March 30, Leon, barque, at 9.25 a.m., Gabo, s., at 1.25 p.m.

HOBART.—Departure: March 29, Oonah, s., at 7.15 p.m., for Sydney.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: March 30, Coogee, s., at 9.18 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: March 29, Pateena, s., at 6.48 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Arrival: March 30, Helen Nicoll at 6.15 p.m., from Adelaide.

STANLEY (TAS.).—Arrival: March 30, Glaucus, s., at 9.30 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: March 30, Australia, s., at 10 a.m., for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE.—Departures: March 30, Kalgoorlie at 12.30 p.m., for Adelaide; Bulimba at 1.45 p.m., for Adelaide.

SEMAPHORE.—Arrival: March 30, Lizzie Taylor at 6.30 p.m., from Macquarie Harbour.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: March 29, Flinders, from Esperance. Departures: March 29, Gera, for Melbourne; Bothwell Castle, for Melbourne; Wollowra, for Western Australia.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 39 years, 49·664.

Average for 40 years from January 1 to February 28, 9·045in.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1898, to March 30, 11·570.

Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·173.

Temperature.—Maximum 72·7; minimum 62·5.

Humidity.—9 a.m., 86°; 3 p.m., 76°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·85; Gascoigne, 30·03; Perth, 30·17; Esperance Bay, 30·30; Eucla, 30·24; Streaky Bay, 30·26; Adelaide, 30·16; Robe, 30·18; Portland, 30·18; Melbourne, 30·10; Wilson's Promontory, 30·06; Gabo Island, 30·00; Cape St. George, 30·11; Sydney, 30·17; Newcastle, 30·17; Port Macquarie, 30·17; Clarence Heads, 30·05; Brisbane, 29·96; Rockhampton, 29·90; Mackay, 29·90; Cooktown, 29·89.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy generally on coast and highlands, fine in the west.

Western Australia.—Fine but cloudy in far north and places in south, fine and clear elsewhere.

South Australia.—Fine but cloudy on coast, fine generally inland.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy to overcast on coast, fine inland.

Tasmania.—Fine but cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Cloudy to overcast in north, generally fine elsewhere.

Central and North Australia.—Fine to fine, but cloudy in centre, overcast in north.

New Zealand.—Fine and clear throughout.

New Caledonia.—Raining at Gomen.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate on coast north from Sydney, and at few places on high lands.

Queensland.—Light at Brisbane and in the north of the Peninsula.

Tasmania.—Light in the south.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, summer level; Balranald, 4in.; Bingera, 1ft. 6in., falling; Booligal, summer level; Bourke, 7ft. 11in., falling; Brewarrina, 4ft 4in.; Deniliquin, low; Dubbo, 2ft. 3in.; Euabalong, 1ft. 11in.; Euston, 4ft. 11in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 2ft.; Hay, 7in. below summer level; Hillston, 2ft.; Louth, 14ft. 6in., falling; Menindie, low; Menindie, 22ft.; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 5ft. 10in., falling; Pooncarie, 17ft. 6¼in.; Tilpa, 11ft. 3in.; Tocumwall, 2in.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft.; Wentworth, 6ft. 8in.; Wilcannia, 16ft. 8in.; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 7ft. 4in., falling; Namoi River at Walgett, 3ft. 7in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, S.E., strong, squally, sea very heavy; Ballina, S.E., gale, showery, sea heavy; Clarence Heads, S.E., fresh, fine, sea heavy; Woolgoolga, E., fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Bellinger Heads, S.E., moderate gale, cloudy, sea heavy; Nambucca Heads, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Macleay Heads, S.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Port Macquarie, S., light, cloudy, sea heavy; Manning Heads, calm, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, E., light, fine, sea rough; Newcastle, S.S.E., fresh, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, calm, fine, sea moderate; South Head, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Wollongong, N.E., fresh, fine, sea rough; Kiama, N.N.E., fresh, fine, sea rough; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea heavy; Jervis Bay, N.E., strong, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Eden, calm, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., light, cloudy, misty, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Southerly winds generally with fine weather, except the northern coast, where it will be squally with rough seas and showers.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Everywhere fine and generally cool and pleasant, with scattered clouds, chiefly coastal; moderate to light S. and S.E. winds; smooth sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine and cool with light southerly winds; slight or moderate sea.—P. Baracchi.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 31.

Sun rises at 6.6, sets at 5.52; Moon, 2.0 p.m., 11.56 p.m.; Mercury, 7.19 a.m., 6.23 p.m.; Venus, 6.57 a.m., 6.24 p.m.; Mars, 3.31 a.m., 4.31 p.m.; Jupiter, 5.33 p.m., 5.48 a.m.; Saturn, 9.1 p.m., 11.7 a.m.

New Moon, 22nd; Full Moon, 8th.

High water at Fort Denison, 2.50 a.m., 3.23 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z.—Indramayo, 9 a.m.
Noumea and New Hebrides—La Perouse, 10 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 11 a.m.
Montague Island.—Murray, noon.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Prinz-Regent Luitpold, 4.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Glenelg, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 6 p.m.
Clyde River.—Allowrie, 5 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Lyttelton, via Newcastle.—Pukaki, 8 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Omi Maru, 11 a.m.
Noumea.—Polynesien, noon.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Tokio Maru, noon.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Tomki, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Australia, 9.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Innamincka, 9.30 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1898.

Mr. J. H. Want, Q.C., Attorney-General, states that he does not intend to relinquish his bitter hostility to the Commonwealth Bill, and intends to fight it to the utmost.

Those who are opposed to the measure may rely upon his either taking the leadership or fighting with them in the front ranks.

Mr. Copeland, M.L.A., has expressed the opinion that the bill is an admirable one, far in advance of the American Constitution, and very considerably in advance of the Constitution of 1891. He intends, when opportunity offers, to address public meetings in support of the measure.

Federal and anti-federal feeling is already running high, and it is considered probable that a very large vote for and against the bill may be looked for.

Elsewhere will be found reports of interviews with leading business men in regard to the manner in which federation will be likely to affect commercial and mercantile interests.

Mr. A. W. Meeks, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said that it had already expressed its views in favour of federation, and, as regarded himself, he was strongly in favour of the bill.

Last night Mr. B. R. Wise delivered an address at St. David's Hall, Surry Hills, on the subject of federation, which he strongly supported. At the close, a vote in favour of the Commonwealth Bill was carried by an overwhelming majority.

In another column will be found an article dealing with the relative merits of steamers and sailing vessels for oversea carriage between America and Australia.

A novelty cricket match between teams of ladies and actors respectively, was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday in aid of the Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives. There was a large attendance.

Private letters from Constantinople state that an attempt was recently made to murder the Sultan of Turkey.

The Guards at the Yildis Kiosk mutinied, and attempted to take the life of the Sultan, because they were furious that the war with Greece had not resulted in any territorial extension of Turkey.

Ultimately the mutiny was suppressed, 100 of the Guards in revolt being killed, and many being wounded.

Many London underwriters are charging 5s per cent. war premiums.

Count Mouravieff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has issued a circular to the Ambassadors at St. Petersburg, stating that Talienwan, at which the Russian flag has been hoisted, will be open to trade, and that the largest hospitality will be extended to the ships of friendly nations.

Prince Kung has refused to sign the convention between China and Russia, and has resigned the Presidency of the Tsung-li-Yamen.

There is intense dejection at Pekin, and many people denounce Li Hung Chang as a traitor.

The Prince of Wales and Mr. Chamberlain are keenly interested in the exhibition of the works of Australian artists at the Grafton Gallery.

Artists consider that the works are better than was to have been expected.

Shendy, on the Nile, has been captured by British gunboats attached to the Soudan expedition.

Further particulars of the capture of Shendy state that the Dervishes, who numbered 700, were warned of the approach of the Anglo-Egyptian forces.

The town was shelled by three gunboats, and the Dervishes fled, being pursued by the Egyptians for 20 miles.

One hundred and sixty Dervishes were killed, and the forts of Shendy destroyed.

Large stores of grain and ammunition were captured, and six slaves found in Shendy were liberated.

Reuter's correspondent telegraphs that Mahmoud, the Dervish leader, is practically besieged, and that his forces are starving.

Resolutions in favour of the independence of Cuba, with immediate intervention on the part of America, have been discussed by the United States Senate.

A joint proposal was submitted to the House of Representatives and the Senate declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States and Spain, but President M'Kinley, acting upon the suggestion of his close advisers, withheld his message to Congress.

The Secretary of State for War announced in the House of Representatives that President M'Kinley would not sacrifice principle to procure peace. The country, he added, could well afford to await the result of the negotiations now proceeding between America and Spain.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," says that President M'Kinley holds the keys of the situation.

Mr. Cleveland, the ex-President, with a powerful support from the Democrats and an immense majority of the Republicans, supports the policy of President M'Kinley.

The prospects of peace are still bright.

During some naval evolutions at night time at Brest the French cruiser Friant collided with and sank the torpedo boat Ariel. The crew was saved.

The fund that is being raised in England for Miss Nellie Farren has reached £10,000.

Mr. Gladstone has been informed by his medical advisers that his recovery is hopeless, though it is possible that he may linger for weeks.

It is stated by the "Chronicle" that in September next Japan will increase her tariff.

Sir Christopher Furness has withdrawn his petition against the return of Lord Charles Beresford at the recent Parliamentary election for York.

Mr. E. H. Wittenoom, Minister of Mines in Western Australia, is expected to succeed Sir Malcolm Fraser as Agent-General for the colony at the end of May.

Yesterday the City Council concluded its inquiry into the working of the departments of the Town Hall, and into the duties of the officers. A sub-committee was appointed to draw up a draft report.

Shortly after noon on Monday last Miss Rachel Cooper, a young lady residing at Ourimbah, in the Gosford district, lost herself in the mountains. She was discovered about 8 o'clock the next morning in an unconscious state at the foot of a high rock, over which she had evidently fallen. She is rapidly recovering.

Business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet, with very little movement in prices. New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock had a sale at 109½, being ½ less than the last quoted price.

The month is closing very quietly in the Import market, so far as wholesale transactions are concerned, but yesterday there was the usual large assortment of distributing orders awaiting execution on account of next month. There was a fair business in tea.

There was less business in the Mining market yesterday, but the feature was the all-round improvement in values of Western Australian gold-mining companies shares.

Yesterday's Customs revenue amounted to £3818.

The German mail steamer Stuttgart left Suez outwards on the 28th instant.

At the London wool sales on Tuesday business was brisk and prices were unchanged.

At the Sydney wool sales yesterday 2242 bales were catalogued and 3895 were sold. The market was very firm.

There should be no difficulty in grasping the seriousness of the question just raised by Sir Thomas Sutherland respecting the protection available for the British mercantile marine in time of war, or the importance of that safeguarding of naval coaling-stations to which attention has been called in another direction. The two things indicate the real danger to England and her colonies from the sea. Ever since Professor Seeley pointed out the magnitude of the nation's floating risks, how largely England was dependent on over-sea supplies for the means of subsistence, and how completely at the mercy of any combination of enemies the country might be if these supplies were intercepted, the question now raised by the chairman of the P. and O. Company has been before the public. The unsettled outlook just now only gives it an acuter interest. The first actual symptom of the danger implied is suggested by the imposition of war rates on freight insurance for the Far East. That step sufficiently indicates the risk, and in the event of war it only requires the temporary failure of the fleet to afford the necessary protection to turn it into a grim reality. The adequate defence of the coaling stations has long been admitted to be as cardinal a necessity as the existence of the fleet itself. We saw the other day what an advantage was gained by the purchase of the coal supplies in the Far East by the British Government. Without a ready means of coaling at need the most powerful fleet that ever put to sea may find itself in the position of a company of helpless hulks at the mercy of any active enemy. It is therefore imperative to be able to guard as well as establish the stations that give our fleet such an advantage, hence the demand for effective defence.

It is now some years since Lord Carnarvon reawakened the attention of the authorities and of the nation to the importance of placing these coaling stations in a condition of adequate defence. Much has been done since then, but a good deal remains to do before the state of effectiveness is reached which the exigencies of an occasion like the present would seem to require. It would appear that actual hostilities are only warded off by a condition of general preparedness, and to leave our defences open at so important and at the same time so vulnerable a point as these outlying coaling stations would be to throw an obvious temptation in the enemy's way. The Royal Commission on the subject in 1882 resulted in a comprehensive scheme being placed before Parliament two years later. Lord Brassey wrote a series of noteworthy letters to the "Times" in 1888 on the same subject. The Australian coaling stations, of course, are located at King George's Sound and Thursday Island, while our nearest neighbours are at Mauritius, Table Bay, and Simon's Bay, with others at Aden, Colombo, and Hongkong. Trincomalee, Singapore, St. Helena, Sierra Leone, Jamaica, and Santa Lucia are the other points on which the fleet would have to rely as coaling stations. This arrangement takes no account, of course, of naval stations proper, like those at Sydney and other Australasian ports. It will be seen that on the proper defence and equipment of all these points depends much of the safety of that mercantile marine about which Sir Thomas Sutherland is concerned. The name of the company he represents is sufficient to remind us of the magnitude of the interest covered nowadays by the phrase used. It means the food-carrying and merchandise-carrying fleets under the British flag that crowd the seas from Hongkong to Esquimalt with those magnificent lines of passenger steamers that have made the great highways of the ocean as familiar as a railroad track.

But if the defence of outlying portions of the Empire, and of the commerce of their ports, calls for the enforcement of this necessary precaution, not less do the interests of the mother country. Professor Seeley warned his readers that six weeks would be sufficient to reduce England to a state of distress, if not of starvation, if the supplies from over-sea could be cut off. This is a matter of figures. It has lately been shown that the imports of wheat to the United Kingdom bear the proportion to the total supply, roundly speaking, of 22 million quarters to 29. The import of meat stands in the proportion to consumption of fifteen million hundredweight to forty, while that of dairy produce is something like five to nine. It is not necessary to proceed further with the calculation, since these figures sufficiently represent the extent to which the food supplies of the United Kingdom are dependent on the safety of the mercantile marine. The most sanguine believers in the domestic resources of the mother-country are ready to admit that an effective combination of foreign rivals against England, without open war, could starve its population in six months. If we are to believe Mr. Greenwood, as he has recently been delivering himself in one of the Reviews, this condition of unarmed warfare actually exists, though not to the degree necessary to produce this decisive result. One of the most startling of the theories recently ventilated is that a combination of Russia and France against England could humiliate the nation, and bring about a condition of starvation, without firing a shot, by buying up the grain crops of the United States and prohibiting export from Russia. The price of escape from this difficulty was modestly stated at something like £5 a quarter for the wheat required, and forfeiture of some of the British colonies and dependencies. This may seem a little wire-drawn perhaps, but it helps to illustrate the extent to which Great Britain is dependent on her over-sea food supply, and the intense reality of the issue which has been raised by Sir Thomas Sutherland and those who have begun to ventilate the question of the security of the naval coaling stations.

The demand of the "Times" for the withdrawal of Lord Salisbury from the Foreign Office reminds us that for the first time during the last 40 years the seals of that office will be in the hands of a Minister in the House of Commons should Mr. Balfour be his successor. Since Lord John Russell was Foreign Secretary in 1859 this important office has been invariably held by a member of the House of Lords until it seems to have passed into something like a prescriptive right that a peer eminent in politics should administer this deeply important department of national affairs. Before Lord John Russell, "the stormy petrel" of politics, we know that a commoner, Lord Palmerston, had made foreign affairs his special province, and in one respect at least there is some resemblance to be found in the characters of this famous foreign Minister and Lord Salisbury. Both Palmerston and Lord Salisbury seem to have regarded their office as one apart from the general cognisance of the Cabinet, and to have alternately mystified and roused the suspicions of their colleagues. But here the resemblance ends, for if Lord Salisbury is not exactly as Bismarck epigrammatically described him he certainly possesses none of the *élan* and incautious daring of the earlier statesman. Palmerston finally relinquished the Foreign Office because of his open sympathy with the Coup d'Etat of Louis Napoleon; but the supersession of Lord Salisbury will have come about mainly because he has been at once autocratic and vacillating. At least it is on these grounds that deep murmurs have all along been heard from the ranks of his own supporters in the Ministry, press, and Parliament. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at various times, apparently without any very exact data, plainly hinted that they were tolerably in the dark as to the near developments of England's foreign policy in the East; but they were equally as outspoken on the point that that policy must not allow England's great rivals to seize upon advantages which we were too slow to secure. And when Lord Kimberley criticised Lord Salisbury in the debate on the Address, and observed, "When we hear the word war Parliament should be told in plain language what is the situation, and what it is we may have to expect in future," this comment found the almost unanimous endorsement of the Tory press. But Lord Salisbury preferred to treat the presumedly grave situation in the East in a vein of rather ill-placed banter, and he referred to Russian designs on Ta-lien-wan as a "very curious legend." As we have seen since, the legend appears to be of a very substantial sort, and the reticence of the Foreign Secretary has not prevented all the world realising that Russia has checkmated England so far in this game, the stakes of which are territory.

And, so far as outsiders may be allowed to have an opinion, the seals of the Foreign Office will be in stronger hands when they are in Mr. Balfour's keeping. Lord Salisbury is well forward in years, and his health is by no means what it was, whilst he is of a school of statesmen whose methods, perhaps, will become ever less popular with Parliamentarians. Only the very thoughtless can affect to think that a Minister like Lord Salisbury, facing daily responsibilities of the utmost gravity and delicacy, is to be at the mercy of every newspaper interviewer or small politician who may care to question him; but there are degrees, and Lord Salisbury seems to have carried secrecy to the verge of danger. His own colleagues and supporters have complained because they have not had an inkling of the important diplomatic moves that have been so frequent during the last three years, and at last this distrust seems to have spread to the nation, which would appear now to have grown thoroughly alarmed at the turn matters are taking abroad. So that the policy of close secrecy would appear to be no longer possible, and it is evident that Mr. Balfour is regarded as a statesman who will be more amenable to the wishes of his followers, and at the same time will play a more spirited part for England abroad. The days are, perhaps, gone for ever when an English Premier can so thoroughly dominate his colleagues and supporters that he may bring the country to the verge of war or abstain from a declaration of it till the situation has become critical. The voice of the people is to-day heard loudly in the land, and it reacts on Parliament, and perhaps one of the weak features of Lord Salisbury's tenure of the Foreign Office has been a want of recognition of these facts. He was educated in a brilliant, but possibly rather unsteady school, for Beaconsfield's fireworks could only be safely exploded—and not always even then—by that gifted political entrepreneur.

As for Lord Salisbury's career whilst he has held office during the present Administration, only the very confident would care to attempt an authoritative opinion. Posterity has a curious way of judging statesmen by the after-effects of their policies, and those effects are often enough deeply obscured from the gaze of the acutest observer, who is only enabled to see the outsides of current events. If the pigeon-holes of the Foreign Office were examined we should all doubtless be wiser and perhaps very much sadder people after we had expressed our views on this or that phase of England's foreign policy abroad. Nevertheless, it is the essence of English political existence that the acts of its Executive are judged by the immediate visible results, and though this system may have its drawbacks, it has, too, its advantages. Tried by this test of favourable results, it would not seem that Lord Salisbury has been conspicuously successful as Foreign Minister. His reign has certainly been an unusually troubled one; but when all allowances are considered it can scarcely be said that the prestige of England has been visibly enhanced abroad. The strain of the financial resources of the nation, for one thing, has been enormous. Her "little war" system has developed to an almost alarming extent. We have had troops in Egypt and South and West Africa, and on the North-west Frontier of India, and the fleet has been in constant requisition, ready for defensive and offensive movements. But, apart from this strain, it cannot be said that the efforts of diplomacy appeared to have been eminently successful. It is true that out of the Venezuelan business England came with honour; but the most important issues of foreign policy appear to be in a rather more aggravated form than when Lord Salisbury took office. The Eastern Question proper still remains as explosive a question as ever, and the Salisbury Administration will at least be memorable to history because of the apathy shown by England when hundreds of thousands of Armenians were massacred by Turks. The Chitral Expedition was a single brilliant exploit; but the campaign against the north-west tribes has been vigorously criticised, and it is by no means certain yet that it was justified even in the pursuance of the "forward" policy. The Jameson raid, too, is an episode that will long be remembered, and perhaps not as redounding to the credit of the Ministry of the day. The result of that abortive raid has been at least to prove that grave troubles have to be surmounted in South Africa, and that the difficulties have not been lessened by Mr. Chamberlain, who is, of course, Lord Salisbury's lieutenant. In the Far East the developments are too recent to require much comment, except the one that the security into which Lord Salisbury lulled himself seems to have been a false one, and that the events which he prophesied would not come to pass really have happened. After-events may yet prove that he has made preparations at the proper moment to meet the seemingly bolder policy of the rival Powers; but at present it looks very much as if his inaction had allowed matters to drift into a very critical state. It will, of course, never be forgotten that the growing hunger of some of the European nations for colonising territory and trade outlets has rendered his term of office an exceptionally arduous and responsible one; nevertheless, the succession of Mr. Balfour may mean that the nation is determined at all costs to meet foreign aggression with a firmer front than Lord Salisbury appears to have adopted.

The death at Walgett from typhoid of a young doctor, a graduate of our medical school, is a sad incident of the visitation of this disease in some of the western districts of this colony. At Bourke, as our telegrams have indicated, there has been rather a serious outbreak of typhoid; serious not only in itself, but as threatening the river with contamination, and so spreading the plague. Further down the river, at Wilcannia, there was a slight outbreak; but at White Cliffs, the opal diggings not far away, typhoid became a sudden scourge. The defective water supply and sanitary arrangements gave the disease an opportunity; there were many attacks and several deaths; while most of the opal buyers left the field for the time, and work languished. At Broken Hill there has also been a reappearance of the disease; but, fortunately, not at all on the scale of those formidable visitations which in the early years of the silver field came at the close of every summer and made many a gap in the ranks. The Board of Health returns for the whole colony during the past fortnight, published yesterday, show 209 cases and 18 deaths, while the metropolis had only 38 cases, without any deaths. This significant contrast illustrates what the citizens of Sydney owe to their admirable water supply and their system of sewers. It is too much to hope that country towns and remote settlements can all possess a pure water supply and a modern system of dealing with sewage, and as long as these two essentials remain lacking, so long will diseases like typhoid and diphtheria recur, increased in range and virulence by weather conditions. But though it may not be in the power of these isolated and small settlements to protect themselves to the full extent of modern sanitation, it is a truism that even important towns frequently content themselves with very defective and dangerous expedients in the way of disposing of waste, and think the price they pay for good water a sad burden on municipal finances. The price they really pay for neglect in these matters is human life, health, and efficiency; and a community can make no worse bargain than one which involves the sacrifice of these.

THE NEW CALEDONIA CABLE.—We are advised by the Electric Telegraph Department that the cable to New Caledonia is working badly owing to unfavourable weather.

INSPECTION OF GEORGE'S RIVER.—To-morrow it is proposed by Mr Carruthers, Minister for Lands, and by Mr. Young, Minister for Works, accompanied by Government engineers and a number of aldermen of the municipalities concerned, to inspect George's River, and to consult the Government engineers as to the beaconing of the channel. At the same time Mr. Carruthers will inspect certain reserves and Crown lands in the vicinity in respect of which representations have been made to him.

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The members of the Public Works Committee met yesterday to consider the expediency of constructing harbour works at Bellinger River. The chair was taken by Mr. Humphery, M.L.C., and there were also present Mr. James Hoskins, M.L.C., and Mr. D. O'Connor, M.L.C., Mr. J. L. Fegan, M.L.A., Mr. F. A. Wright, M.L.A. Mr. C. W. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, who was examined at some length in regard to the proposed work, said the department could carry out sufficient work to make the entrance to the Bellinger River passable at a cost of £36,000, though the completed design placed before the Minister for Works was estimated to cost about £170,000. At this stage the inquiry into this particular subject was adjourned. The committee then resumed its inquiry into the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Woolabra to Collarendabri. Mr. E. M. Allmann, an officer of the roads branch of the Public Works Department, gave further evidence as to the roads likely to be affected by the construction of the proposed line. Consideration was then given to the expediency of constructing harbour works at the Manning River. Mr. C. E. Rennie, chief draughtsman of the Lands Department, put in a return showing the lands likely to be affected by the construction of the harbour works, and after being examined thereon the inquiry was adjourned, and the proceedings terminated.

MAJOR J. C. NEILD'S MILITARY STATUS.—Following on the complications which have arisen in connection with Colonel Lassetter's commission a difficulty has cropped up in connection with the St. George's Rifles. In a "Gazette" notice issued on Tuesday last a notification of the appointment of Major Neild, the officer commanding the regiment, appeared, in which Major Neild was raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel during the Easter encampment. It is understood that Major Neild has declined to accept the position for the time of the encampment only, and will not go into camp.

THE WEATHER.—Again the rainfall has been coastal, extending for 300 miles north from Sydney to the Tweed River, and varying in quantity from 14 points at Sydney to half an inch at the Tweed. Some light showers fell on the highlands about Armidale and in the valley of the Hunter. There was no rain south or west. Locally in the forenoon the day was showery, but fine in the afternoon, with an oppressively muggy atmosphere.

FAST STEAMING FROM NEW ZEALAND.—The steamer Monowai, which last evening arrived from Wellington, brings dates to the 26th instant. The actual steaming time was three days 16 hours.

NEW STEAMER FOR THE AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND SERVICE.—The Union Steamship Company of New Zealand has contracted with Messrs. W. Denny and Brothers, of Dumbarton, for the construction of a steel screw steamer for the intercolonial passenger service. Her dimensions will be 330ft. long by 43ft. beam and 32ft. 6in. depth, the gross tonnage being 3500 tons, or about the same as that of the company's Monowai, and slightly under that of the Moana. The vessel is to attain a speed of about 15 knots on her trial trip, and is to be delivered in about five months. This will make the fifty-fifth steamer owned by the company, and the total tonnage to 73,000 tons.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.—Yesterday news was received that the ship Bravo, which left the Baltic on January 25 with a cargo of timber for Sydney, and was towed into Southampton 20 days later waterlogged, having been in collision with an unknown vessel, took fire while lying alongside the dock on February 19. The fire did serious damage to the ship and cargo. Advices have also been received that the ship Andreta, which is to load at New York for an Australian port, when entering the port of Havre struck the dock entrance so heavily that her bows were smashed in, but her watertight bulkheads kept her afloat. The Brodick Castle, entering at the same time, was also damaged, but not so seriously.

INTERCOLONIAL YACHT RACE.—Over a course of 17½ miles a race took place yesterday between the Sydney yacht Bronzewing and the New Zealand craft Meteor. The race was well contested, and much nautical knowledge was displayed by those in charge of the respective yachts. The Meteor, however, won by 7 minutes 39 seconds. The Meteor is essentially a colonial craft, having been designed and built by C. Bailey, of Auckland. She was launched in November last, and out of nearly a dozen starts has, with the exception of one occasion, secured first place. The Bronzewing was designed and built a few years back by Mr. G. L. Watson. She has consistently made good racing with yachts of very much larger tonnage. She has apparently met a craft in the Meteor that can turn to windward with her and give her points when leading; but the Bronzewing seems able, judging by her performance, to more than hold her own in a dead run.

PASSENGERS FROM THE ISLANDS.—The Island steamer Hauroto arrived at Newcastle yesterday, on her way to Sydney. She has a large number of tourist passengers, some of whom came through to Sydney last night by rail. The Hon. James Stewart, C.M.G., and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Harland, the Rev. E. M. Roujier, Captain D. Calder, and Dr. Roberts arrived by the Hauroto.

DEPUTATION FIXED.—The Minister for Works is to receive a deputation this morning, at half-past 11 o'clock, from the Greta Municipal Council, introduced by Mr. A. J. Gould, M.L.A., in regard to relief works.

DISEASED FRUIT.—During the discussion by the deputation which waited on the Minister for Agriculture on Tuesday it was contended that fruit affected with mussel scale should be allowed to come into this colony without restriction, as it was not harmful to the fruit. The Minister refused to comply with this request, and in support of his contention that it was undesirable to admit fruit so affected he called for a report on the matter from the Government Entomologist, Mr. Froggatt. The Minister has now received the report, which states that this scale insect is one of the best known pests to all fruitgrowers, and though it chiefly attacks apple trees it is also found on other fruit trees at times. It is not uncommon in several districts of New South Wales, covering the bark, foliage, and fruit of badly-infested trees, and from its countless numbers injuring the tree and gradually reducing the crop of fruit, if not taken in hand at once. Therefore the introduction of fruit infested with this scale may very easily bring it into a clean district. In fact a person peeling an apple covered with mussel scale and throwing the skin on a country road might lead to its introduction into a clean district. The mussel scales on the apples recently condemned are in the adult female stage, consisting of the "teste" or shield, produced by the female, covering the now dead and shrivelled-up remains, and from 40 to 50 eggs which, protected by the shield, will soon hatch out, crawling from under their protective covering and attaching themselves to the first suitable food they reach. As there are a number of broods each season their reproductive powers are immense, as each one of the 40 eggs under one scale can produce another 40 scales. At this rate one scale would produce 2½ millions in three broods. Thus a few scales, once they get into a tree, soon cover it thickly.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES.—Mr. Sydney Smith, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, had arranged to attend the banquet given last night by the Mayor of Petersham, but at the last moment he received a telegram calling him home in consequence of the illness of Mrs. Sydney Smith. The Minister accordingly left by the mail train for Bathurst.

MINERS' RELIEF FUND.—Mr. Sydney Smith states that his scheme for providing a fund to meet cases of distress arising out of accidents in coal mines, has been favourably considered by the Government, and it is understood that a bill dealing with the matter will be introduced during the ensuing session of Parliament.

LADIES AT CRICKET.—The novelty cricket match between 11 ladies and a like number of actors in character took place yesterday at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and resulted in a win for the ladies by 18 runs. There were 8000 present, and the proceeds, about £450, are in aid of the Consumptives' Hospital.

PRESENTATION TO DR. BLACKWOOD.—The members of the Stirling Lodge, No. 18, I.O.O.F., at their quarterly meeting on Tuesday made a presentation to Dr. Blackwood to mark the occasion of his marriage. P.G. Bro. P. L. Laxton, in felicitous terms, made the presentation, which consisted of a beautifully illuminated address. Dr. Blackwood, in reply, stated that his relations with the members of the lodge had been of the most happy character. Although he had been connected with friendly societies in England, he had never experienced such cordial relationship as he had in New South Wales, and particularly with the Stirling Lodge.

N.S.W. POLICE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.—In connection with the annual carnival of the N.S.W. Police Swimming Club held at the Natatorium last night the police championship of the colony was won by Mr. J. Kemp.

DEATH OF MR. HOUGHTON.—The Union Company yesterday received a cable announcing the death of Mr. E. P. Houghton, the company's chief inspector. Death occurred after a brief illness from the after effects of influenza. Mr. Houghton was a son of one of the pioneers of steam service in New Zealand, and participated in the development of the coastal steam trade of the colony from its inception. Upon the formation of the present great colonial company, in whose employ he spent the best days of his life, young Mr. Houghton was at once placed in a very responsible position by Mr. James Mills and the Hon. George M'Lean, and as the Union Company grew the duties of the late chief inspector correspondingly increased, until the department over which he so ably presided reached its present position. The duties of an inspector of an important company, like that of the Union demand qualities of a high order, and it may be said with perfect confidence that in this respect the Union Company has lost an officer whose place will not easily be filled. Mr. Houghton died at Dunedin, where he and his family resided.

FUNERAL OF MR. EDWARD CHISHOLM.—Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr. Edward Chisholm, which were brought from Melbourne, were interred in the Church of England portion of the Waverley Cemetery. The funeral cortege moved from Iona, Upper Dowling-street, Darlinghurst, the late residence of the deceased. Among those who attended to pay the last mark of respect were the following:—Messrs. James, William, Andrew, Charles, and Arthur Chisholm (brothers of the deceased), Mr. John W. Chisholm, Dr. Edward Chisholm, Mr. Harry Chisholm, Dr. Williams, Mr. Frank Chisholm, Mr. Arthur Mort, Mr. John Garland, Dr. MacCormick, Mr. T. Barker, Rev. Wallace Mort, Mr. H. W. Carey, Mr. S. A. Joseph, Dr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. W. L. Docker, Mr. A. Bowman, Mr. H. C. E. Rich, Mr. Forbes Angus, Mr. H. A. D'Ardier, Mr. J. De V. Lamb, Dr. Mackellar, Mr. J. Russell French, Alderman Dean, Mr. T. A. Dibbs, Mr. W. T. Smellie, Mr. T. B. Gaden, Alderman I. E. Ives, Hon. F. B. Suttor, Mr. R. Saddington, Rev. John Walker, Mr. J. R. Fairfax, Mr. A. W. Maxwell, Mr. R. C. Close, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. W. Roxburgh, Hon. W. R. Campbell, Mr. A. W. S. Gregg (Richardson and Wrench), Dr. Foran, Mr. G. J. Cohen, Mr. E. H. Rogers, Mr. Richard Jones, Mr. G. H. Wyld, Mr. W. H. Palmer, Mr. A. Gordon, Mr. E. Fosbery, Mr. S. A. Stephen, Mr. E. A. Smith, Mr. H. E. Evans, Mr. H. C. Mitchell, and Mr. W. B. Melville. Wreaths for the coffin were sent by the Perpetual Trustee Company; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited; Mr. R. Smith, Mrs. Gadsden, "Rosbara," "South Hill," Dr. and Mrs. MacCormick, Dr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Charles Cropper, Mrs. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mort, Mr. and Mrs. Lang Campbell, Commercial Union Company, Alliance Assurance Company, "Kippelan," Mr. and Mrs. Mort, Mrs. Garland, Miss Cropper, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Mabel Cropper, Mrs. Cropper, Mrs. Baker, "Carrawarra." The service at the grave was conducted by the Revs. Canon Pain, B.A., and W. Mort.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—The Revs. M'Donald and wife, Dr. Annand and wife, M'Millan and wife, H. Worrall, and T. W. Leggett were passengers by the A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Birksgate, which left Sydney last night for the New Hebrides. Their object is to attend a synod meeting which will be held at Aneityum on April 7. The steamer Ysabel left Sydney a few days ago conveying the first portion of the Australian deputation, including Dr. Lamb. The vessel before arriving at Aneityum will call at the different stations in the New Hebrides and take on board a number of resident missionaries who are to attend the synod. This will be the first annual synodic meeting to be held in connection with the Presbyterian Board of Missions since the inauguration of the new service subsidised with Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MORT'S DOCK.—Yesterday afternoon the Deputy City Coroner (Dr. G. E. Rennie) held an inquest at the Balmain Cottage Hospital touching the death of Robert Duff, aged 43 years, who died at the institution that morning from injuries he had received whilst working at the storeroom at Mort's Dock on Monday afternoon. Dr. P. J. Kelly, one of the medical staff of the institution, stated that deceased had a severe fracture of the right wrist, and severe injuries to his head and abdomen. The cause of death was acute peritonitis, caused through the injuries he had received to the abdomen. Hebrew Bruce and John Ferguson, both employees, who were working with the deceased at the time, detailed the circumstances, already related in these columns, that caused the man's death. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

THE FATALITY AT THE GEORGE-STREET MARKETS.—An inquest was held yesterday, before the Deputy City Coroner, Dr. Rennie, on the body of Richard Walter Barber, who was killed at the new markets, George-street, on Tuesday, by falling 40ft. There were nine workmen in the cage when the lift was being lowered. A witness who was in the cage said a bit of a bump was felt. He shouted out, "Look out. What's up?" He remained in the cage, but several of the others jumped out. Another witness said if the men had remained in the cage they would have been safe. Deceased received a fracture of the skull, fractured ribs on both sides, fractures of both arms, and succumbed to his injuries in the Sydney Hospital at 2.40 p.m. on Tuesday. A verdict that death was due to an accident was returned.

We have received from the publishers, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Sydney, a publication entitled "The Roof of Australia, and How to Get There," by Coolamatong. It explains how to make an enjoyable holiday in the high mountains practicable.

An examination of the Life Saving Society's Alma Mater Branch at Manly was held on Friday last at the public baths by Dr. S. C. Watkins and Mr. H. Daniels. Eight candidates presented themselves, and all passed with honours.

The March number of the "Review of Reviews" for Australia is to hand. The principal articles of local interest are "Why I left Politics" by Sir Robert Stout, Prince Ranjitsinhji on the Last Test Match, and contributions by Sir P. O. Fysh, the Hon. F. W. Holder, and Dr. Quick on "Why we should accept the Federal Bill."

We have received "Cosmos" of March 31. Mr. Walter H. Bone continues his story "Sumba-Roba." Alison Randwick contributes a short story, "Actress and Outcast," and a poem. Two short stories by Falcon Ralphsburgh, entitled "Told in the Twilight" and "How We Got the Insurance Money" complete the number.

We have received the English "Illustrated Magazine" for March. The features of the number are articles on "The German Emperor and Empress at Home," "Murdered Statesmen of the Century," and "Rare English Medals."

We have received a pamphlet on the "Immigration of Coloured Races into British Colonies," by Mr. Arthur R. Butterworth, of the Inner Temple, barrister-at-law, and some time of the Bar of New South Wales.

From Messrs. Cassell and Company we have received "The Quiver," "Little Folks," and "Cassell's Magazine" for March.

Mr. C. G. Hatte, of King-street, Newtown, has forwarded his autumn and winter price and fashion book.

Mr. J. S. Hawthorne, M.L.A., has been informed by the Postal authorities that it has been decided to erect a receiver at the corner of Annesley-street and Balmain-road, Leichhardt, to be cleared at the same hours as other receivers in the locality.

According to an advertisement appearing in another column the Randwick Asylum will be closed to parents, relatives, and friends for one month in consequence of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the city and suburbs.

With reference to the statement published yesterday week that the Rev. Andrew Mackay of the Wollongong Presbyterian Church had been seized with a fit, we are glad to be able to say that it was only a fainting fit, the result of over-exertion and want of food, he having eaten no breakfast on the Sunday morning in question and having conducted a long service and preached a long sermon.

Dr. Stainer's Easter oratorio, "The Crucifixion," was rendered at St. Mary's, Waverley, by the church choir last evening in the presence of a very large congregation. The soloists were Messrs. Llewellyn Jones and T. Newman (tenor), Messrs. Bobbins, Usher, and Fuller (bass), and Master S. Rogers (soprano).

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE FAR EAST.

WAR PREMIUMS.

LONDON, March 29.

Many London underwriters are charging 5s per cent. war premiums.

A RUSSIAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, March 29.

Count Mouravieff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has issued a circular to the Ambassadors at St. Petersburg stating that Talienwan, at which place the Russian flag has been hoisted, will be open to trade, and that the largest hospitality will be extended to the ships of friendly nations.

INTENSE DEJECTION AT PEKIN.

THE RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

PRINCE KUNG RESIGNS.

LONDON, March 29.

Prince Kung has refused to sign the Convention with Russia and has resigned the Presidency of the Tsung-li-Yamen (the Foreign Office).

There is intense dejection at Pekin.

Many people denounce Li Hung Chang as a traitor.

THE EARL OF SELBORNE'S VIEWS.

RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA.

LONDON, March 30.

The Earl of Selborne, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, speaking unofficially, said that Great Britain was still able to obtain anything she desired in China, but no human power could stop Russia from occupying Manchuria.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The Governor, Lord Ranfurly, was entertained at luncheon to-day at Napier. In replying to the toast of his health he incidentally referred to the crisis in the East, and said that though the situation was undoubtedly grave, he did not believe it would result in war.

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

CAPTURE OF SHENDY.

THE FORTS DESTROYED.

160 DERVISHES KILLED.

LONDON, March 29.

The British gunboats attached to the Soudan expedition have captured Shendy.

March 30.

Further particulars of the capture of Shendy by the British state that the dervishes, who numbered 700, were warned of the approach of the Anglo-Egyptian forces. They assembled in front of Shendy. The town was shelled by three gunboats, while the Egyptians outflanked the enemy.

The Dervishes fled from the town and were pursued for 20 miles by the Egyptians.

One-hundred and sixty of their number were killed, and the forts at Shendy were destroyed.

Large stores of grain and ammunition were captured. 600 slaves found in Shendy were liberated.

Reuter's correspondent telegraphs that Mahmoud, the Dervish leader, is practically besieged, and his forces are starving.

THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

MUTINY OF THE GUARDS.

LONDON, March 29.

Private letters have been received in London from Constantinople stating that an attempt was recently made to murder the Sultan of Turkey.

The Guards at the Yildiz Kiosk mutinied, and attempted to take the life of the Sultan because they were furious that the war with Greece had not resulted in any territorial extension of Turkey.

The mutiny was suppressed, 100 of the guards in revolt being killed and many being wounded.

MR. GLADSTONE.

HIS RECOVERY HOPELESS.

MAY LINGER FOR WEEKS.

LONDON, March 29.

Mr. Gladstone has been informed by his medical advisers that his recovery is hopeless, though it is possible he may linger for weeks.

THE JAPANESE TARIFF.

LONDON, March 29.

The "Chronicle" states that in September next Japan will increase her tariff.

THE YORK ELECTION PETITION.

LONDON, March 29.

Sir Christopher Furness has withdrawn his petition against Lord Charles Beresford's return at the recent Parliamentary election for York.

AUSTRALIAN ART EXHIBITION.

A FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION.

LONDON, March 29.

The Prince of Wales and Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, are keenly interested in the exhibition of the works of Australian Artists at the Grafton Gallery.

Artists consider that the works are better than was to have been expected.

THE BROTHERS DE REZCKE are said to enjoy only Ogden's Guinea Gold Cigarettes, the fashionable English Smoke. None better. —Advt.

AMERICA AND SPAIN.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY HOLDS THE KEYS OF THE SITUATION.

THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE STILL BRIGHT.

LONDON, March 30.

The United States Senate has discussed resolutions in favour of the independence of Cuba, with immediate intervention on the part of America.

A joint proposal was submitted to the House of Representatives and the Senate declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States and Spain. President M'Kinley, acting upon the suggestion of his close advisers, withheld his message to Congress.

Mr. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of State for War, announced in the House of Representatives that President M'Kinley would not sacrifice principle to procure peace. The country, he added, could well afford to await the result of the negotiations now proceeding between America and Spain.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," says that President M'Kinley holds the keys of the situation.

Mr. Grover Cleveland, the ex-President, with a powerful following of the Democrats and an immense majority of Republicans, supports the policy of President M'Kinley.

The prospects of peace are still bright.

NAVAL EVOLUTIONS AT BREST.

A TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.

LONDON, March 30.

During some naval evolutions which were being carried out at night-time at Brest the French cruiser Friant came into collision with and sank the torpedo boat Ariel. The crew were saved.

H.M.S. RAPID.

LONDON, March 30.

H.M.S. Rapid, which left Gibraltar on the 19th instant for Devonport, has not yet been reported.

Storms are prevailing in the Bay of Biscay.

H.M.S. Rapid is a screw cruiser of the third class, sister ship to the Royalist now in port, a well-armed vessel carrying 12 guns. She left Sydney for Portsmouth on December 1 last, but it was a month later before she finally took leave of these shores, having to await at Albany the arrival of her relief. She is commanded by Captain John Casement, who has with him the following officers: Lieutenants Lawrence de W. Satow, Francis A. L. Andrews, A. E. Hudson; Surgeon, W. M. Craig; paymaster, H. de C. Ward; chief engineer, W. P. Chapman; Sub-lieutenant, Percy de W. Kitcat; gunner, W. O'Flaherty; boatswain, Francis J. Fish. The total complement is 175 officers and men. This is the ship which the New Zealand people were so desirous should remain in New Zealand waters as a training vessel.

THE ROYAL COAT OF ARMS.

RECOGNITION OF THE COLONIES.

LONDON, March 30.

The members of the colonial party in the House of Commons have resolved that in the event of a change being made in the royal coat of arms, the strong claim of the colonies to be represented should be recognised.

AGENCY-GENERAL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, March 30.

Mr. E. H. Wittenoom, Minister of Mines in Western Australia, is expected to succeed Sir Malcolm Fraser as Agent-General for the colony at the end of May. Mr. Reginald C. Hare, Secretary to the Agent-General, sails for Perth in the R.M.S. Oroya. He will be succeeded by Mr. Octavius Burt, Under-Secretary to the Colonial Secretary's Department.

BANK-NOTE ROBBERY.

CONFESSION BY A GERMAN OFFICIAL.

LONDON, March 30.

Herr Grunenthal, an official who recently retired from the Imperial Printing Office in Berlin, and who was arrested on a charge of stealing banknotes to the value of 1,120,000 marks (£56,000) has confessed to having been guilty of embezzlement.

MISS NELLIE FARREN.

LONDON, March 29.

The fund being raised for the benefit of Miss Nellie Farren has reached £10,000.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 29.

At the colonial wool sales business is brisk, and prices are unchanged.

March 30.

The following rates have been realised:—Clyde, 16¾d; Elderslie, 13d; Goree, 8½d; Wingadee, 17½d; Mercadool, 8¾d; Dunglear, 8¾d; Bowen Downs, 8½d; Milo, 7¾d.

TO-DAY.

New South Wales Federal Association: Meeting of the general committee, Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, 4 p.m.

New South Wales Zoological Society: Annual meeting, Aarons' Exchange Hotel, 4 p.m.

Hannan's Pride of the Valley Gold-mining Company, No Liability: Meeting of the shareholders, company's office, No. 40a Sydney Arcade, King-street, 4.15 p.m.

North St. Leonards Presbyterian Church Bazaar, local School of Arts: Opening ceremony, 3 p.m.

St. John Ambulance Association: Public meeting, Town Hall, Parramatta, 8 p.m.

Kensington Races: First event 2.15 p.m.

Protectionist Meeting: St. George's School Hall, Glenmore-road, 8 p.m.

Mr. W. H. M'Namara will address Pyrmont electors, Royal Pacific Hotel, Harris-street, 8 p.m.

School of Arts Debating Club: Concert, 8 p.m.

Sydney and Suburban Early-closing Association: Meeting, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, 8 p.m.

Surplus Labour League: Meeting, Temperance Hall, 7.30 p.m.

No. 37 L.O.L.: Monthly meeting, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Harry Rickards's Company, 8 p.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Claudian," 8 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "A Terror of Paris," 8 p.m.

The Cyclorama: Opposite Redfern Railway Station.

Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition, 82 King-street.

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VICTORIA.

ALLEGED CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The charge of conspiracy in connection with certain alleged customs frauds preferred against Harry Weenen and eight others proceeds slowly. Much of the tardiness is due to the large quantity of documentary evidence which the Crown is putting in. To-day the whole afternoon was taken up with proving letters and invoices which had passed between the defendants Weenen and Wightman, and a softgoods broker, residing in Sydney. It is alleged by the Crown that these documents, when they shall have been connected with drawback and import papers in the possession of the Customs Department, will go to show that goods sent out to Sydney were declared to be of a certain class, and the same goods were returned to Melbourne as of a totally different class, the object being, as is alleged, to defraud the revenue.

DEATH OF MR. C. H. DOUGLAS.

Mr. Charles H. Douglas, a well-known station owner in New South Wales, died in Melbourne to-day under an operation for cancer. He was the father of Bertie Douglas, who was fatally injured by a gunshot wound on his sister's wedding day recently.

GAS EXPLOSION AT THE SALVATION ARMY PREMISES.

A gas explosion occurred to-day at the Salvation Army premises in Bourke-street. An escape of gas was noticed in the strong-room, and one of the army officials incautiously ignited a match, which was followed by a loud report. The strong-room was partially wrecked, and Staff-captain Rackham was severely bruised.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

A sad fatality is reported from Nhill. The bodies of two children named Stephen, a boy aged 8, and a girl aged 6, were found in a dam near the house of their parents. The children had been sent out to drive in the cows, and as they did not return a search was instituted, and their dead bodies were found in the dam.

The suspicious case of illness reported from the Quarantine Station proved not to be smallpox.

Archbishop Carr left by this evening's express for Adelaide, en route for Rome. There was a large gathering at the railway station to say farewell.

In the Criminal Court to-day a man named Charles Henry Brown, aged 25, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for blackmailing a respectable woman residing at Fitzroy. Abraham James Nixon was convicted of attempted embracery in a larceny case, and was sentenced to pay a fine of £200 and to be imprisoned for two years. Henry Edward Sheen, aged 40, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for firing a revolver at his wife and wounding her; and John Nicholls, herbalist, and Wallace Mareno, masseur, were sentenced to two years and 18 months respectively for performing an illegal operation.

At the Brunswick Police Court to-day an old man, who was paralysed and almost starving, had to be committed to gaol for a year in order to get the medical treatment which he was unable to get at any of the hospitals.

The police have been busy lately scenting out offences against the Shops and Factories Act. Two convictions were secured to-day, a dairyman being fined 6s, with 21s costs, for supplying milk to a customer on Sunday afternoon; and a Chinese laundryman being fined 2s 6d, with 21s costs, for working later than 5 o'clock in the evening.

The principal members who attended the intercolonial congress of the Salvation Army now sitting in Melbourne paid a visit of inspection to-day to the various Salvation Army institutions. The party numbered about 500.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith's letter to Sir Hugh Nelson will be considered by the Queensland National Bank Committee of Inquiry as soon as Mr. E. V. Reid, one of its members, returns from Rockhampton after Easter.

Blackall reports that the tropical disease known as beri beri is making considerable headway among the residents throughout the west central districts. It is suggested that the Central Board of Health at Brisbane should be requested to investigate the matter.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Joseph Sheriff has been accidentally shot dead by his son Joseph at Black Sugarloaf Hill, near Deloraine, while out shooting. The deceased leaves a wife and family of eight.

Richard Hall, one of the oldest surveyors on the north-west coast, has died in the Launceston Hospital after undergoing an operation for cancer.

SUFFOCATED BY FOUL AIR.

THREE LIVES LOST.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Near Port Cygnet to-day three men named Edward Dillon, Edward Ryan, and James Wicks, while working in a prospecting shaft on property owned by the Rev. Father O'Flynn, were suffocated by foul air. Their dead bodies were only brought to the surface after great difficulty. The shaft is 60ft. deep.

THE KALGOORLIE RIOT.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

To-day Tom Doyle, a wealthy Kanowna publican, was charged before Messrs. Stafford and Newsham, Js.P., with disorderly conduct and rioting on Thursday last, when the Premier was molested. Warden Hare was not on the Bench, he having been subpoened by the defence to give evidence, but he was not called. The taking of evidence lasted all the morning and late into the afternoon. Mr. Moran gave evidence in favour of Doyle. This case caused intense excitement, the streets and the court being crowded. The justices decided that the evidence was very conflicting, and Doyle was discharged.

THE LATE MR. E. J. PARKER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The remains of the late Mr. E. J. Parker were interred in the Kew Cemetery this afternoon. There was a large attendance of representative men at the funeral.

The offices of Huddart, Parker, and Co. in Sydney were closed while the obsequies in Melbourne were taking place. Flags were at half-mast on the principal shipping offices and afloat on the representatives of the chief intercolonial lines and the mail steamers.

CIRCUIT COURTS.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

At the Circuit Court to-day Mr. Justice Simpson commented strongly upon the action of the authorities in informing witnesses they need not attend the court in cases in which the accused would plead guilty. His Honor said the practice of the police in finding out whether the accused intended to plead guilty was most objectionable, and some day by it grave injustice would be done to accused. He expressed the hope the practice would be stopped. William Roberts was found guilty of maliciously wounding another man at Urana. Sentence was deferred. H. C. Shaw, who yesterday pleaded guilty to three charges of false pretences by valueless cheques, was sentenced in all to 20 months' imprisonment. With regard to the case of R. G. Morris, charged with a capital offence at Cootamundra, his Honor refused the application for bail, but suggested the defending barrister should apply for the trial to take place in Sydney earlier than the date fixed for the next Wagga Circuit Court, to which the case was postponed.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The Maitland Circuit Court was reopened to-day before Mr. Justice Stephen. Alfred Walker was acquitted on a charge that he did on February 19, at Hamilton, assault Ivy Emily Dunn, a girl under the age of 10 years, with intent. John Cruickshank was acquitted on a charge of cattle-stealing at Wyalla, near Cessnock, on February 17. Jules Menier was acquitted on a charge of maliciously damaging certain property, a pane of glass of the value of £15, at Newcastle, on March 18. John Clegg pleaded guilty to a common assault on Thomas Bray, at Waratah, on March 27, and was fined £5, and to be imprisoned till the rising of the Court.

There was a large gathering of friends and members of the Coogee Aquarium Club last night to a social and concert given to Mr. William Larmour.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE WRECK OF THE CANDIDA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Court of Marine Inquiry into the wreck of the barque Candida was concluded to-day, and resulted in the certificate of Captain J. T. Kee being suspended for six months, dating from the stranding of the ship on Wardong Island, about 130 miles from Port Augusta, on February 20. In his judgment the Chief Justice gave Captain Kee credit for straightforwardness in not attempting to influence the Court by giving a view not in accordance with the merits of the case, but thought he had been guilty of recklessness and the mistake of over-confidence in not using the deep-sea lead to ascertain his position in hazy weather and to verify the soundings with the aid of the chart.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. E. P. Houghton, chief inspector of the Union Steamship Company, died to-day.

Eight more Mormon missionaries are coming to New Zealand to work principally among the Maoris, of whom 4000 are members of the Mormon Church.

The sheep returns up to April 30, 1897, give a total of 19,687,954.

A young man and woman have been arrested at Hastings on a charge of murder. They were only married yesterday. The woman some time ago gave birth to twins. One died on Sunday, and the other yesterday. A post-mortem revealed the presence of poison.

A native named Enoiao has been sentenced to death for the murder of his wife near New Plymouth.

The Government having decided to acquire compulsorily for settlement purposes the Hatuma Estate of 27,000 acres, at Hawkes Bay, the owners are applying for an injunction on the ground that the preliminary proceedings were not in order.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

In reference to the Admiralty's refusal to entertain the Government's suggestions regarding making Albany a naval base, the Premier proposes to write again to the effect that the harbour is not shallow, as stated, and if necessary to offer to enlarge and deepen it, and so meet the objections of the Imperial authorities in this respect.

The sixth annual conference of producers, under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, was opened yesterday. Mr. Charles Harper, M.L.A., presided. The Governor, Sir G. Smith, delivered the inaugural address. About 120 representatives of agricultural societies from all parts of the colony attended.

THE NOVELTY CRICKET MATCH.

A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

It is estimated that the attendance to see the novel cricket match yesterday at the Sydney Cricket Ground reached 8000, and that the amount taken at the gates was about £350. All over the place there were ladies with collection boxes and other means of augmenting the funds, such as by selling cigars, flowers, &c., from which sources it is anticipated that a further £100 will proceed. Therefore it must be accepted that as an exhibition in aid of charity the movement was a splendid success, the Queen Victoria Consumptives' Home being the institution to benefit by the above amount. Under these circumstances the ladies and the actors, together with the management, deserve every credit for the handsome return. As a game of cricket the affair was a farce, as it might well have been expected so far as the theatrical team was concerned. The members thereof laid themselves out to amuse the spectators by their antics, cricket occupying a secondary position. The ladies, however, took their cricket seriously, though the at times very amusing attitudes of their opponents must have prevented many of them showing their true form. Nevertheless two or three displayed a practical knowledge of the game, as well as a theoretical acquaintance with its rules. For instance, when one of the actors in a moment of absent mindedness picked the ball up there were cries of "How's that?" from all parts of the field. The department in which the fair sex all-round shone best was undoubtedly the fielding, while that in which a woman is generally admitted to be weakest, viz., in throwing or returning the ball to the wicket, the majority of the team showed that they could claim exemption from the general verdict. The wicket, in consequence of the heavy rain of the morning, was soft or sticky, a condition that prevented many from showing their capabilities, for their couple of months' practice had been carried out on hard and consequently fast wickets. The palm for batting was carried off by Mrs. H. Donnan with 48, compiled in a vigorous fashion, and in which much partiality for on strokes was shown. Many of her runs were made up in boundary hits. Mrs. Donnan was, however, closely run by her youngest sister, Miss G. Gregory, for highest batting honours, scoring 46 not out. This young lady lacked the brilliant efforts of Mrs. Donnan, but her cricket was attractive with a fair number of strokes, but though not neglecting a chance, her forte appears to be defence. The only other double-figure contributor was Miss Warr, 11, and she also exhibited two or three fine leg hits, though on one occasion she received the benefit of the doubt with regard to a catch taken by Mr. Haytor, who fell to the ground locked in the arms of Mr. Howard. Others who showed fair style were the Misses Keane, who came all the way from Bathurst to take part in the match. The innings closed for 131, of which two made 94. Those who were mainly instrumental in dismissing the ladies were Messrs. Linden and A. Rockley (respectively a demon and a policeman). Probably the two characters had something to do with the downfall of several ladies for small scores. The policeman, true to his calling, covered a lot of ground expeditiously when fielding, and he can certainly give some of our electorate players a few points in that respect. In acting up to the characters they bore, or rather represented, they created intense amusement, and were cheered by the onlookers, who also liberally recognised all meritorious play. The actors responded to their opponents' 131 with 113, but they might have obtained more, as one (Mr. Howard) retired for 30, and Mr. A. Rockley can blame Mr. Quong Tart for his dismissal. The latter advised the policeman to rush out at the bowling. He did so and was stumped. Mr. Fitzgerald was hit under the armpit, and retired lbw. The opening of the actors' innings was noticeable for a couple of funny incidents. Mr. Haytor entered with a bat 18in. wide and 6in. thick. On taking his block a door in the bat flew open, and out came a fine Muscovy duck. It was then found that the wicket had not been rolled for their innings, and forthwith Mr. Faning, padded to a great extent, lay down, and his comrade rolled him up and down the pitch. Many such incidents could be quoted. Miss F. Keane bowled very well indeed, and easily secured the best average on her side. She has a nice easy swing of the arm, and at times makes the ball break in from the off. Her catching and bowling Mr. Faning was a very clever piece of work. Miss Gregory also secured a couple of fairly good catches, but probably the best was Miss Moore's. The ladies were attired in a prettily-coloured costume and were "marked for identification" by distinctive rosettes on the shoulder, the key being found in the programme. With regard to the divided skirt the general opinion was that it was not so bad after all, and was an improvement on the skirt as formerly worn. The scores were:—

LADIES.

Miss F. Keane, c Newbury, b Linden	6
Miss A. Gregory, c Barrington, b A. Rockley	4
Mrs. Varley, b Linden	1
Miss G. Gregory, not out	46
Mrs. Donnan, b A. Rockley	48
Miss Moore, b Linden	1
Miss G. Keane, c A. Rockley, b Linden	8
Miss Gaymer, c Haytor, b A. Rockley	0
Miss Wright, c A. Rockley, b Linden	0
Miss Warr, b Howard	11
Miss Shepherd, b Howard	0
Sundries	6
Total	131

Bowling Analysis.—Linden, five for 28; Howard, two for 10; A. Rockley, three for 38.

ACTORS.

Mr. C. Faning (Little Boy from Manly), c and b F. Keane)	1
Mr. F. Haytor (Silly Billy), c G. Gregory, b F. Keane	10
Mr. A. Rockley (Policeman), st Varley, b A. Gregory	31
Mr. H. Barrington (Sailor), lbw, b F. Keane	6
Mr. S. A. Fitzgerald (French Cook), lbw, b F. Keane	29
Mr. A. Newbury (Sinji Rinji), c G. Gregory, b F. Keane	5
Mr. G. Howard (Parson), retired	30
Mr. C. H. Linden (Demon), handled ball	0
Mr. J. Kearns (M'Ginty), not out	5
Mr. W. Rockley (Prince of La Perouse), run out	0
Mr. B. Bradley (Alligator), c Moore, b G. Gregory	0
Sundries	2
Total	113

A continental in aid of St. Anne's Orphanage, Liverpool, was held last night at Correy's Gardens, Parramatta River. The Bavarian Band played selections during the trip, and also provided the music for the dances.

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When for the sake of increased profit, the dealer of inferior liquors endeavours to palm off on you some compound which he tells you is "just as good" as Wolfe's Schnapps, don't believe him. There is one only and only one pure spirit—Wolfe's Schnapps. —Advt.

SECOND EDITION.

LORD AND LADY BRASSEY.

PUBLIC RECEPTION IN PERTH.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Lord and Lady Brassey and Lord Nevill arrived in Perth from the southern districts at half-past 11 this morning, and were received by a guard of honour and a large gathering of leading citizens at the railway station. Their Excellencies, after driving with the procession through the streets, went to Government House, made a formal call on the Governor, and returned to the Town Hall, where an address was presented by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council.

Lord Brassey, speaking in reply to the toast of his health, and referring to federation, said that having lately assisted at the deliberations of the Federal Convention in Melbourne, he took the opportunity of expressing his admiration of the political ability displayed by the members generally, and not the least by Sir John Forrest and his colleagues of the Western Australian delegation. Speaking from an experience of 18 years in the House of Commons and 12 years in the House of Lords, he could confidently say that the Convention contained a large proportion of men well fitted to sit on the Ministerial benches in the mother country. He ardently wished success to a measure designed to promote the moral, material, and political advancement of these noble colonies. Whatever the decision might be with reference to the adoption of the Commonwealth Bill the meetings of the Convention had been greatly for the public advantage. They had brought the leading statesmen of Australia together, and had set the stream flowing, not in the direction of disintegration, but towards a closer union.

The visitors are the guests of the Governor and Lady Smith at Government House. They attended an "at home" at the Town Hall this evening.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINING.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The Mount Charlotte drives have reached north 15ft. and south 30ft at the 400ft. level. The quartz vein carries payable gold. The balance of the lode is very poor, but a better development is expected as the drives proceed. The Golden Pike lode at the 400ft. level has been proved 21ft. wide, and no west wall yet. Some of the lode is very rich, while bulk assays give well over 1oz. to the ton. A crosscut from the 500ft. level will be started next week to cut this lode. The Brown Hill Junction main shaft at 258ft. is cutting sulphide veins underlaying to the east. These carry a little telluride. A crosscut will be put in at the 300ft. level. The Monte Christo main shaft 300ft. level crosscut east is in nearly 400ft. At the Brown Hill mine the eastern crosscut at the bottom of No. 5 level has been discontinued, nothing having been found.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SNAGGING THE MURRUMBIDGEE.

HAY, Wednesday.

Mr. S. Smyth, resident engineer of the Harbours and Rivers Department, and Inspector Trickett arrived from Sydney by last night's train to start snagging operations in the Murrumbidgee River from Hay to Balranald.

CROWN LAND SALE AT DUBBO.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Fifteen blocks of land in various parts of the Dubbo land district were offered for sale by the Crown land agent (Mr. H. B. Copeland) yesterday, but no offers were made excepting for portions 11 and 13, parish Backwater, county Narromine, each containing 157 acres, Messrs. Mack and Austin being the purchasers at the upset price, £1 5s per acre. Portions 12 and 41 in the same parish were withdrawn from sale, it being the intention of the Lands Department to throw these blocks open for homestead selection at an early date. The 13 unsold blocks varied from 40 to 441 acres in area.

TYPHOID AT WHITE CLIFFS.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

At present there are nine cases of typhoid fever in the temporary hospital at White Cliffs. All the patients are progressing favourably. There are about a dozen outside cases. A vigilance committee was appointed about 10 days ago to inspect the field and report to the progress committee. The report stated that dead goats and garbage were found in the watercourse of the township. Tenders were called for their removal to the rubbish depot. Proper supervision is now being exercised with regard to sanitation. Dr. Rosenfeld, late of Broken Hill, arrived on Monday. Two deaths from typhoid have occurred at the Wilcannia Hospital since Sunday.

THE VINTAGE.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The vintage, having started earlier than usual, is now practically completed. The crop is generally smaller than last year, but is above the average of the past 14 years. Vineyard operations for the year have been less costly than usual owing to the almost entire absence of diseases commonly attacking vines. Much diminution in the yield of must has been caused by the long drought. Aucarot and similar early varieties suffered most. Reisling yielded well, mainly because last year's crop was destroyed by frosts in October, 1896. The specific gravity of the musts is greater than last year, and the temperature has been highly favourable to steady fermentation. Much loss was sustained from birds, especially crows and sparrows, and in some outlying districts grasshoppers did considerable damage.

AN AURIFEROUS EXPERIMENT.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

A prospector named Riches has been experimenting with the cyanide treatment of auriferous gravel on the banks of the Murray at Bungowannah. The existence of gold in this gravel has long been known, but the gold is so fine and difficult to save that the ground would not pay under the ordinary mode of working. Riches has been experimenting with 1cwt. parcels, the yield from which averaged about 4dwt. per ton. He is now preparing for the erection of a much larger plant, which when complete will enable him to treat about 25 tons per day.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

GOSFORD, Wednesday.

Shortly after noon on Monday last Miss Rachel Cooper, a young lady residing at Ourimbah, in the Gosford district, and a step-daughter of Mr. W. Lake, of Royalstone Park, lost her way in the mountains. Search parties were out all night, but it was not until the following morning at 8 o'clock that the young lady was found by Mr. J. Morris and a friend. She was discovered in an unconscious state at the foot of a high rock, over which she had evidently fallen during her wanderings. Though severely shaken by her fall and the shock to her system, Miss Cooper is now rapidly recovering.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Hobson succumbed to the effects of typhoid fever last night after a long and painful illness. The deceased was a splendid specimen of manhood, and his powerful constitution enabled him to hold out for a long time until yesterday, when he seemed to rally, but taking a turn for the worse he rapidly succumbed. His death is generally regretted. His funeral this afternoon was very largely attended.

There are now 35 cases in the local hospital, upon the funds of which there is a very heavy drain. Special efforts are being made to raise subscriptions. A ball in aid of the institution is to be held next week. There are now over 50 cases undergoing treatment.

A second case of scarlet fever is reported to the health authorities. The increase in sickness in the town is causing much alarm.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The sectional committee—Messrs. Ewing (chairman), Roberts, and Hassall—accompanied by Mr. G. V. Mocatta, of the Railway Construction Branch, arrived at Dubbo this afternoon, and proceeded to take evidence regarding the proposed railway from Dubbo to Coonamble. There was a large attendance of members of the Railway League. Mr. W. H. Thomas (staff survey) supplied important facts concerning the area and quality of soil, the rainfall along the proposed route, &c. Mr. R. O. Dulhunty, stock inspector for 40 years in the district, gave statistics of stock passings, also that the number of stockowners had increased during the past four years from 600 to 1300. Alderman James Andrew Ryan gave important evidence as the owner of agricultural lands for the past 30 years. Joseph Penzer and Thomas Baird, leading pastoralists, also corroborated the evidence of previous witnesses, remarking that there were valuable pastoral and agricultural lands on both sides of the proposed route. The inquiry was adjourned till to-morrow.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Grafton Pastures and Stock Board yesterday resolutions were carried affirming the adoption of the principle of voting for directors by post; that the board co-operate with other organisations on the North Coast to prohibit the ingress of stock and hides from Queensland, in order to prevent the tick pest entering the colony; that provision be made in the Amending Brands Bill for the re-registering of brands, owing to the large number of those already registered having become obsolete; that the board is adverse to the charge of 1s per head being imposed on fat stock for disposal at Homebush.

SUTTON FOREST, Tuesday.

Lady Hampden entertained the children of the Sutton Forest and Exeter Public Schools at a picnic on the Hill View grounds to-day. His Excellency was present during the afternoon. Several Sydney visitors were also present, and, on the whole, everything passed off enjoyably.

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FEDERATION.

THE PARLIAMENTARY DIFFICULTY.

STATEMENT BY MR. WANT.

HE OFFERS TO LEAD THE OPPONENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

MR. COPELAND WILL SUPPORT THE BILL.

In a large measure the buzz of activity displayed on Tuesday among the small knot of politicians at Parliament House, consequent on the federation speech of the Premier in the Sydney Town Hall on Monday evening, died away yesterday, and matters resumed their wonted state of quietude within the precincts of Parliament, if we except the noise and confusion created by a small army of painters, decorators, and house renovators, who are engaged in making both Chambers presentable for the opening of Parliament next Tuesday. Nevertheless several members of the Legislative Assembly, like stormy petrels that scent a disturbance from afar, were gathered in the corridors, and talked over the federal situation with keen interest. For the time being local politics were relegated to the background, as it had been arranged by Mr. Lyne that a caucus of the Opposition members is to be held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning to enable them to compare notes respecting their individual peregrinations into the country districts to feel the pulse of the electors.

At an early hour yesterday Mr. Lyne put in an appearance at Parliament House, but not looking by any means in good health. On inquiry the hon. gentleman said he was far from well, and that instead of contemplating the heavy strain of a Parliamentary sitting he should rather seek a rest and change of air.

"Then it may reasonably be inferred that it is in consequence of not feeling quite equal to the task that you have not yet arranged when you will express your opinion on the Commonwealth Constitution Bill?"

"Well, that is certainly one of the reasons," replied Mr. Lyne; "but I may also say that I am not going to be drawn into expressing my opinion on the bill at the present moment, for if I say nothing just now it will be impossible to be misrepresented before the federal campaign is fairly commenced."

"It is not a question, to use Mr. Reid's expressive phrase, 'of playing a waiting game?'"

"By no means," remarked the leader of the Opposition.

Reference was then made to the opinion prevailing amongst some members that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly would prevent any member referring to the Commonwealth Constitution Bill when the Address in Reply to the Governor's speech is under consideration. Mr. Lyne promptly remarked that the House was master of its own business, so that if the Speaker ruled that a standing order preventing any reference being made to the Commonwealth Bill the House could decide that the standing order be suspended. Members of the labour party do not disguise their antagonism to the bill, and it is understood that their chief objection to the measure is that it does not provide that in case of a deadlock arising between the two Houses the matter in dispute should be referred to the arbitrament of a plebiscite of the people of the Commonwealth. In this the labour party is re-echoing the objections taken to the bill by the Melbourne Trades' Hall Council, which dominates the labour members of that colony. "Trust the Federal Parliament" was the cry often heard in the Convention," remarked a labour member yesterday. "We say 'Trust the people' when any trouble arises between the two Houses." One member put the matter, as he thought, in an unanswerable form by remarking, "The present bill is undoubtedly a great improvement, from a democratic point of view, on that of 1891, but as it is still not democratic enough to meet the wishes of the people it would be well if another Convention were held five years hence, when you would find the constitution liberalised to such an extent as to make it acceptable to the great mass of the people. Notwithstanding all that has been said by some of the federation delegates that the constitution is the most liberal one in the world, and is not so cast-iron as that of the United States, the fact remains that an amendment of the constitution cannot be made unless there is a majority of States, then of people, and then of representatives in the Federal Parliament in favour of the amendment. That simply means that the constitution could not be amended until after years of strife."

MR. B. R. WISE AT SURRY HILLS.

OVERWHELMING MAJORITY FOR THE BILL.

Yesterday evening Mr. B. R. Wise addressed a crowded and enthusiastic meeting in St. David's Hall, Arthur-street, Surry Hills, in favour of federation. Mr. Nathan Herman, J.P., occupied the chair, there being also on the platform Messrs. Teece, Spriggs, Wigzell, Fraser, Knapp, Conroy (2), Coulton, Williams, and others.

Mr. Wise said that he did not intend that evening to discuss any matter of local politics. He was on a platform where all shades of party opinion might be represented; for he was engaged in a work greater than any issue of party, the union of these several colonies under one strong and democratic government. They could not disregard the evidences that during the last few weeks a serious determination had been manifested in certain quarters to obstruct the closer union of the Australian colonies. The opposition to federation took several forms. First, there were those who insisted upon impossible terms such as proportional representation in the Senate or a mass referendum, which the other States would never agree to, and which, if adopted, would not give a federal union at all, but a consolidation. A second class of opponents traded on the old jealousy between Victoria and New South Wales, and hoped by this means to keep the colonies apart. A third class said they were in favour of federation, but it must be a federation on their own terms. This bill had been prepared by chosen representatives of the people, and the terms of federation which it offered were the nation's terms. Of course, there were difficulties in the way of union; but all these difficulties would vanish if we tried to look at Australian affairs, not as Victorians or as people of New South Wales, but as Australians. Indeed, in time to come it would be difficult to explain to our descendants how they came to be considered difficulties at all. People smiled now at the opposition which was raised against the union of the American colonies or of the Canadians—yet each of these unions was opposed by exactly the same arguments, often expressed in the same words, which they heard to-day. Then in New York, which was situated very much as New South Wales was to-day, it was said that they would lose their maritime supremacy, because the Federal Legislature would make roads and construct canals to divert traffic to other seaports. Substitute "railways" for "roads and canals," and did they not hear the same alarmist cry about the future of Sydney. Yet New York had not decreased in wealth or importance, from which they might see that nature and not governments set limits to the growth of commercial centres, and feel very confident that under federation Sydney would continue to be the New York of Australasia. (Applause.) The American disunionists tried to damp patriotic feeling by ridicule. They sneered at the enthusiasm of the young men of America, and a cheap cynic in Massachusetts declared the Constitution to be the offspring of "visionary young men." And those carpers were right. The young men of that day in America had seen a vision! The grandeur of power of a United Commonwealth had been shown to them, as it were in a dream, and they had determined, as the young men of Australia would determine now, that the glory of that vision should never fade, but that they would strive unceasingly and with a high courage to give it substance in their own lifetime. (Applause.) The result of those labours they knew. They knew its merits and defects. They had profited by American experience, and avoiding the defects of the American constitution had prepared an instrument of government under which for many generations to come Australia would offer to the world the latest and fullest development of the principles of democratic government. (Cheers.) Mr. Wise then proceeded to point out how Hamilton, Madison, Washington, and the other "visionary young men" of America had answered the objections to the constitution. Every constitution must be imperfect, but let them dwell rather on its advantages than on its imperfections. The question was not "Whether this was the best possible constitution," but "Whether it was possible to get a better." If they waited for a constitution with which no one could find fault, they would have to wait for a time which would never arrive. At any rate this constitution had been framed by picked men chosen for that purpose by popular suffrage. What reason had they for believing that another body of men would make a better? Was it likely that they would ever get together a more competent body of delegates? It was impracticable in any form of federal government to secure all the rights of independent sovereignty to each State and yet provide for the interest and safety of all. Every federal constitution must be the result of mutual deference and concession, if the delegates kept steadily in view the consolidation of a union in which were involved our prosperity, happiness, safety, and even, perhaps, our national existence. (Hear, hear.) The next answer which, following the American federalists, Australian federalists should give to their opponents was to bid them remember that the union was to be managed by Australians who would neither be rogues nor fools. If they chose they might imagine dreadful possibilities under their constitution in New South Wales. The Ministry to-morrow might dismiss every civil servant, the Governor might prorogue Parliament for 11 months, every court might be shut up, and every policeman discharged; but though all these were possible and legal everyone knew that they would never happen, and no one was alarmed. So under the federal constitution there were many things which a Ministry or a Senate might do if the Ministers and Senators were rogues and the people of Australia were fools. The Senate might reject an appropriation bill, as the Legislative Council might reject one to-morrow; but if it did the Government of the country could not be carried on. That would make the people of Australia restive, and they would soon find a way to compel obedience to their will. In short, they ought to demand of those who had started so many possible objections that they should try to show that what they so much fear was probable. Might they not rationally suppose that the persons who would be chosen would be in general good men, and that the people of Australia would be just as resolute to watch over their rights as they were to-day. Then they had a third reply to their opponents. "You talk," they said, "about the dangers of union," but what about the dangers of disunion? (Applause.) If they rejected the bill, what future was before Australia? It was idle to talk of another Convention. If another were attempted its members would be more discordant, and agree upon no general plan. The constitution was the best that could be obtained at this time. The constitution or disunion was before them to choose from. If the constitution was their choice, a constitutional door was open for amendments, which could be adopted if the people found that it was not working satisfactorily. Were they so prosperous now in New South Wales as to fear that any change would lessen their prosperity? Was it not likely that work would be more plentiful and wages increase when the barriers of intercolonial tariffs were broken down, and when goods could pass freely from one end to the other of this continent? Would not their natural resources be more quickly developed if they could get a market of 3,500,000, instead of 1,250,000? Could they in short look forward with equanimity to the continuance of a policy of provincial competition with our neighbours in preference to a union with them for the common advancement of all Australia? Members of local Parliaments might not like to see their importance diminished, as federation would certainly diminish it, or to have their salaries or number reduced. But he would warn members to be careful how they stood between the people and their means of livelihood. Thousands of struggling men and women were asking to have the channels of industry made broader; and members who, rather than sacrifice their own dignity, opposed federation might yet find the punishment at the coming general election. Federation meant more work and increased opportunities of work to every man in the community. It meant the undertaking of great national works, the opening up of new forms of enterprise, a greater security for capital, the development of new markets, and a steadier fiscal policy. Those who were opposing federation were keeping bread from the mouths of the people. Mr. Wise dealt with the main objections to the bill, which were he said—first, that freetrade would be lost to New South Wales; second, that the minority would rule the majority; third, that the financial arrangements were unsatisfactory. He denied that to advocate federation meant the abandonment of freetrade. Freetraders in other colonies were a large and increasing body who would join with freetraders in New South Wales to secure the blessings of commercial freedom for the new Commonwealth. But, after all, in the fiscal matters as in others they must trust the people; and if the people wanted protection they would have it. As a freetrader he was not afraid to trust the people of Australia to frame their own fiscal policy; and he believed that if the support now given to protection by the border and intercolonial duties were once removed freetrade would gain such an accession of strength that they would be able in a very few years, and possibly from the commencement of the Commonwealth, to insist upon a freetrade policy. Still, though he did not believe that freetrade would suffer a defeat even at first in the Federal Parliament, he, for his part, was an Australian first and a freetrader afterwards. (Loud applause.) If it were the case that union could only be obtained at the cost of high customs duties, he would rather sacrifice the success of his own party in local politics than vote against the union of Australia. (Renewed applause.) It was curious to find that, while some extreme freetraders here opposed union because they said it was a surrender of freetrade, others who were extreme protectionists opposed it because it was a surrender of protection. They would probably think that when extreme men on both sides condemn any particular proposal that was pretty strong evidence that the proposal was fair to the public. (Applause.) Then there was another consideration, which was that of having a steady fiscal policy, and not one that changes every three years. Nothing was more certain than that the Commonwealth policy, once fixed, would not be altered for at least five years. The second great objection to this union was equal representation in the Senate. The opponents of this had shifted their ground in the most extraordinary fashion. First they said the small States would combine against the large and outvote them. Then, when it was shown by figures that that was impossible—because when the Houses sat together New South Wales and Victoria would have 59 votes, and the other three colonies only 35 votes—they turned round and said, "Supposing some of the men in the big States go over;" but, he asked, "Supposing some of the men of the smaller States came over to the larger ones, what would happen then?" ("Hear, hear," and applause.) Mr. Wise made a powerful appeal to his hearers to support the bill, and in regard to the local Parliament he said that there was not a question in the platform of the labour party which would not be left exclusively to the local Parliament as it was to-day, whilst as to the socialists federation would be of benefit to them as the local Parliament would have more time to devote to social questions. As to the federal capital, he said that that must be in federal territory. He could not fancy Victoria giving Melbourne over to the Commonwealth, and for the same reason he did not think that Sydney could be the capital; but that the capital would be in New South Wales he had no manner of doubt. At the close of his speech Mr. Wise was warmly applauded.

A number of questions were put and answered. In reply to some of them Mr. Wise explained that the Commonwealth Bill may be altered by the Imperial Parliament, in which case Australia would not accept it, but after the constitution has been adopted it cannot be altered except by the people of Australia themselves. He evidently thought it extremely unlikely, moreover, that the Imperial Parliament would alter the constitution.

Mr. Teece moved, and Mr. A. H. Conroy seconded,—"That this meeting expresses its hearty support of federation, and will use every effort to secure the adoption of the constitution." (Cheers.)

Mr. H. Hill moved, and Mr. James A. Hendry seconded, the following amendment:—"That this meeting, whilst heartily approving of the principles of federation, and also feeling its deep sense of obligation to the delegates for their splendid and patriotic services, regrets that it cannot accept the 1898 bill for the following three reasons: First, because its machinery is out of harmony with the democratic instincts of a free people; secondly, because it indirectly pledges the Commonwealth to protection;—(laughter and applause)—thirdly and lastly, because it means a further imposition of taxation upon the shoulders of the people without any commensurate advantage being received."

The amendment was lost by an overwhelming majority, and the original resolution carried almost unanimously, the result being greeted with ringing cheers.

It was resolved to form a branch of the Federal Association, and about 40 joined as members.

MR. BARTON AT NORTH SYDNEY.

A REPLY TO CRITICS.

Mr. Edmund Barton addressed a meeting on federation in the School of Arts, North Sydney, last night. Alderman Barry presided, and there were also present on the platform—Sir Joseph Abbott, Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Mr. J. T. Walker, Mr. D. Thomson, M.L.A., Dr. Cullen, M.L.C., Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C., Mr. T. Waddell, M.L.A., the Revs. Roger M'Kinnon and G. North Ash. The hall was crowded. The chairman having briefly introduced the speaker,

Mr. Barton, who was received with cheers, said that every time one whom the people had elected as delegate to the Federal Convention delivered an address before the vote was taken was one of great moment. For good or for evil the choice or rejection of the Australian Constitution was before the people. And he did not agree with some people who said it was a very easy thing to mend matters if they rejected that constitution now. He was one of those who thought it was incumbent upon every one to study the constitution, to give it a fair hearing, to decide upon the question of union or disunion, with every regard to the fact that the future of the country was bound up in the decision. It was not his intention that night to go through the bill in detail; he had done that already, but he proposed to pick out the principal provisions which had been most subject to attack and defence; to give them a lucid explanation of them, with some dissection of the reasons that were being given for the attempt that was being made to obtain the rejection of the bill. There had been several speeches delivered on the subject, and he might single out that delivered by the Premier in the Town Hall on Monday night, a speech in which after some fluctuation of mind, apparently caused by objections to some of the provisions of the bill, the Premier came definitely at last to decide to support this measure and to vote for the bill. He would have something to say presently, not in an antagonistic sense, with reference to some of the right hon. gentleman's criticisms of the bill, but in the meantime he could say that he hailed with pleasure the fact that the Premier had determined to support the bill. And he believed that that fact, together with the very strong federal feeling which had already been shown at the meetings which had been held, would assist materially to pass this bill in such a shape that the Imperial Parliament would take it and pass it line for line into law. (Cheers.) It was urged against the bill that it was not sufficiently liberal. (Hear, hear.) He did not know of any English-speaking constitution in which both Houses sprang directly from the people unless it was this one. (Hear, hear.) He did not know, unless it was this constitution, of any in which both Houses were to be elected on the same suffrage. Then there was the provision that no elector should cast more than one vote. If their enemies called this the want of liberty, then they would have to find a new name for democracy, and have to call the objectors a new class of Tories. It also contained provisions against the occurrence and for the ending of what were known as deadlocks, and they were of a more liberal character than they knew of either in the British Constitution, in the Canadian constitution, or in the American constitution. Take the United States for instance. Its constitution had been described as one of the finest and freest instruments of self-government in the world, yet they would find few men in the United States who would not admit that the constitution would stand amendment. But such men were content to live as free men under the constitution, and were content to be the authors of or assist in the carrying of an amendment of the constitution. Such men did not want to have a constitution until their amendment was carried. But that was the attitude of some of those who were against this bill. He had not come there to say that he believed in every clause of this bill, but he had come there to declare that it was a bill he could advise them to accept as the very instrument of government by which they could work out the future of Australia conjointly, without that waste of energy which came from pulling in a different direction, but marching steadily in one direction towards the attainment of national objects. Mr. Barton replied at some length to a letter in yesterday's "Herald" by Mr. A. B. Piddington, M.L.A. Mr. Barton said that the House of Representatives could refuse to originate supply. The constitution gave no right to the Senate to originate supplies. That was the broad distinction between the Senate and the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives had the whole power over the purse strings. The Government asked the House of Representatives for supply, and if the House of Representatives did not grant supply, then the Ministry must resign or dissolve. But Mr. Piddington forgot that if the Senate refused to grant supplies the Senate would be garoted under the deadlock clause. All proposals for taxation and expenditure must first be brought before the representatives of the people. Then all the revenue from customs and excise from the whole Commonwealth, except that necessary to pay the expenditure of the Commonwealth, was to be returned to the various States. If the Senate refused supply then the Senate would be undertaking to starve the finances of the States by which the Senate was elected. Did they think that the Senate would refuse supply under those circumstances? The whole thing was another instance of that peculiar frame of mind which sometimes attacked people in the dead of night, when every scratch of a mouse was a burglar and every shadow was a murderer. What they had got to deal with here was not with a possibility and a bare possibility, but with probabilities. After showing how Mr. Piddington's facts or figures in his view in that letter were faulty, Mr. Barton went on to say that the representatives of New South Wales had from the beginning never given away one jot of the rights of the colony. As the bill came back, the other colonies said, it would be a very fair bill but for the fact that New South Wales had the best of it with respect to rivers, railways, and finance. Having heard this, the critics of the bill who aforetime used to complain that New South Wales was being over-ruled by the other colonies on those matters, turned round on the deadlock provision and said, "Oh, we cannot accept it, it is too conservative." He asked them, did not that bill go farther than any constitution they knew of in the way of solving deadlocks? Mr. Reid had said that the Senate was the representative trustee—the guardian over each of the different States in a sense to which the British Constitution had no analogy; but to that Mr. Reid had to say that whilst it was absolutely true as to everything else about federation, it was not true about the taxation of the people, because the people were not taxed as States, but as a nation. Mr. Reid had omitted one very vital argument; the very existence of every one of the States as such was wrapped up in finance. It might be that a system of taxation would be so devised as to bear with extreme hardship upon one State and with extreme advantage to another, so that there should be a second Chamber able to wield some power against that. The critics had also overlooked this, that there was no power given in the constitution to apply the deadlock provisions on behalf of the Senate as the originator of a bill. He asked them to believe that all the fears that were talked about were fears that lay on the extreme of possibility, inasmuch as the constitution gave the House of Representatives clear power over the other House. This was the people's bill, and a bill which the people ought to accept. It gave the people the right to choose their own system of taxation, to say whether it would be freetrade or protection. With regard to what Mr. Reid had said about the federal capital not being likely to be in New South Wales, he believed that the federal capital would be in New South Wales. The members of the Convention desired to secure the adhesion of Queensland to the Commonwealth, and knowing the desire of Queensland that the capital should be in New South Wales, the members would be all the more ready that it should be in New South Wales. Then, again, the Federal Parliament would sit some months in each year, and a member would favour the best place for a capital, and would not bother about the trouble of a day's longer journey from his State. He had too received that day several telegrams bearing on that part of Mr. Reid's speech. One was from Sir P. O. Fysh, Colonial Treasurer of Tasmania, who said that the delegates there were surprised at Mr. Reid's supposition that Victoria would be preferred for the federal capital because of the greater distance of New South Wales, and they considered the fear was quite groundless. He had also one from Mr. Henry Dobson, of Tasmania, who was on the other side of the house, and who said Mr. Reid's remarks as to the federal capital are not justified by anything said officially or privately in my hearing in any of the sittings of the Convention. The general feeling was that although the claims of the mother colony were very strong the matter should be left to the Federal Parliament. I am quite sure the Premier did not intend to mislead the electors." Did not those telegrams breathe a spirit of justice and might they not expect those gentlemen to go into the councils of the federation with the same spirit of justice that was breathed in those telegrams? He was satisfied that there was a tendency in that Convention from end to end to pay great deference to the views of New South Wales, to treat her representatives with the greatest fairness and cordiality, and make the very most of the fact that she was the leader of federation, as it would be when federation was accomplished. He knew that there could be no combination of parties of men that would stop the constitution being the supreme law of this land. He believed the people of Australia demanded and would have this constitution, notwithstanding what the critics said. Before many months were passed there would be such a vote of assent to the provisions of the constitution on the ground that it was both liberal as an instrument of government and a just and fair decision of the various rights of the States that the demand would be irresistible from end to end of the continent. He was quite sure of the people of New South Wales. His meeting at the New Masonic Hall was enough to satisfy him on that ground, and if he wanted further satisfying a man must have got it at the immense meeting of the Premier's at the Town Hall, when, after listening to his speech, the moment the Premier announced, as he did at long last—he was not saying it sarcastically—that he was going to adhere to and vote for the bill, there was a roar of applause such as he had never heard before. Let the combination be what it would, the combination would fail. If Parliament passed a bill repealing the Federal Enabling Act the people would put men into that Parliament who would not rest until they repealed the repeal of the Act. (Loud cheers.)

At the conclusion of the meeting a branch of the Federal League was formed.

MR. COPELAND'S VIEWS.

Mr. Copeland, M.L.A., has no intention of wielding his battleaxe in opposition to the national cause of federation. On the contrary that formidable weapon will probably before long be doing yeoman's service in the cause of the Australian Commonwealth. Speaking to a "Herald" reporter yesterday, Mr. Copeland said: "I have gone very carefully through the bill from the first word to the last, and I consider it an admirable bill, far in advance of the American Constitution and very considerably in advance of the constitution of 1891. It is clear and consistent in its drafting, and the provisions are as liberal as any bill dealing with the interests of different States could possibly be. There are a few provisions in the bill that I personally don't agree with, but so there would be in any bill that was drafted, and very likely the provisions I disagree with would meet with the approval of the next man I met, who would be just as competent a judge as myself. I think when the bill becomes better known and more understood it will be seen that it serves the interests of the people in every reasonable way, and is a decided advance in liberalism even on our present constitution, under which we have lived very comfortably and with a fair amount of prosperity for many years. I shall in the course of time, when opportunity offers, address public meetings in support of the bill."

WHAT MR. WANT SAYS.

The advertisement calling for a leader for the freetrade party has not called forth any response, and it is not likely to do so as long as there is such a formidable occupant of the position as Mr. G. H. Reid. Still, though there can be no other leader of the freetrade and liberal party as long as Mr. Reid remains in this colony, the leadership of the anti-federal party, which Mr. Reid has refused to accept, will probably not go long a begging. Mr. J. H. Want is quite ready to fill the vacancy. Speaking about the matter yesterday to a "Herald" reporter, Mr. Want said he was not prepared yet to say what his programme would be. "But," he added, "you can say that I do not intend to relinquish my bitter hostility to the Commonwealth Bill, and I intend to fight it to the utmost. Under what circumstances I prefer not to say at present. But those who are opposed to the bill can rely upon my either taking the 'leadership,' if they wish me to do so, or, if not, then fighting with them in the front ranks. Mr. Barton has stated to his supporters that he intends to exhaust all his energies in carrying the bill. I desire those who are in opposition to the bill to know that I will exhaust all my energies in bringing about its destruction. What direction my opposition to the measure will take I prefer not saying at present."

PROSPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

It will be seen from this and other statements that the federal campaign promises to be very hotly fought out. Indeed it is probable that the fury of the strife will exceed that which manifested itself during the federal elections. Federal and anti-federal party feeling is already running high, and one happy outcome at least will be that the people will be well educated on the Commonwealth constitution, and that a very large vote for and against the bill may reasonably be looked for on referendum day. Indeed, it is fortunate that there is going to be a fight over the bill, for in no other way could the interest of the electors have been roused sufficiently to induce them to go to the poll in large numbers.

So far as the position of the Government is concerned in the New South Wales Parliament it is recognised now that it is quite impregnable on the question of federation, for even if Mr. Haynes, Mr. Neild, and a few other freetraders should vote against the Government on the proposed amendment to the Address in Reply, support on the subject of federation would come from many members of the Opposition, who say that the Government should be defeated on local party issues, and not because the Premier has spoken in favour of the cause of national union. Protectionists also recognise that in any case only two or three months would be gained if the Government happened to be defeated during the next few weeks, and that this small gain would in no degree counterbalance the grave disadvantages of having the federal issues mixed up at our general election with local political questions.

In reference to several members having been beguiled to go on to the platform at the Town Hall at Mr. Reid's meeting by assurances that the Premier was going to oppose the Commonwealth Bill,

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Mr. Hawthorne, the Government whip, states that any member who gave such assurances to his fellow-members did so without any authority, as the Premier gave no indication whatever of the attitude he intended to assume until he made the actual announcement at the end of his speech at the Town Hall. Acting under the instructions of the Premier platform tickets were sent to all members, and it was left to members themselves to go on to the platform or to take seats in the body of the hall.

A special meeting of the general committee of the New South Wales Federal Association is to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street. Mr. Barton, M.L.C., is to preside, and important business is announced.

Mr. Edmund Barton will hold his fourth meeting at the Town Hall, Newtown, to-morrow evening, when the Mayor of the borough, Alderman William Rigg, M.L.A., will preside. Arrangements have been made to hold the meeting in the open air if necessary. Mr. Barton's subject will be "The Australian Constitution of 1898." It is significant that Mr. Barton uses the term "Australian," thus throwing out a direct challenge to all opponents of the bill, and also showing his great confidence in the future of the Constitution as prepared by the Federal Convention.

FEDERATION AND COMMERCE.

INTERVIEWS WITH BUSINESS MEN.

REASONS FOR AND AGAINST FEDERATION.

Hitherto the subject of federation has mainly been debated, both in the press and on the platform, from a politician's point of view, and little attention has been paid to it as regards the manner in which it will be likely to affect business men and commercial and mercantile interests. It is, of course, the duty of members of Parliament and others who pose as "leaders of the people" to keep themselves well acquainted with every matter which concerns the public life of the country. On the other hand, the gentleman who, to use a well-known phrase, "is something in the city"—it may be a large merchant, or a small broker—has, as a rule, but little spare time to devote to the acquisition of information upon either federal or ordinary political matters. He may have broad ideas upon general subjects, but when it comes to questioning the ordinary commercial man as to whether he agrees with the details of a bill the object of which is to provide a federal constitution for the whole of Australia, he is apt to be taken somewhat aback, and simply to declare, in so many words, either that he is "for" federation, or that he will "have none of it at any price."

Of course, there are ardent politicians amongst our business men, and many well-known names can be called to mind to prove that they can rise above their everyday occupations, and consider federation from a purely national standpoint. Many such gentlemen were met yesterday by a special reporter of the "Herald," who spent the whole of the day going in and out of city offices and chatting with prominent commercial men and others upon the question of the acceptance of the constitution. The object our representative had in view was to find out as far as possible in what light the mercantile community of Sydney regarded federation. Gentlemen were met, as will be seen from the interviews which are given below, who have followed the matter closely, and who were able to give good and comprehensive reasons for the belief which they held, whether that belief was in favour of the proposed constitution or otherwise.

It is scarcely to be wondered at, however, that the investigations made by our reporter also showed that many city men had as yet paid very little attention to, or were somewhat indifferent as regards the whole subject. "I have not seen the bill yet," said one gentleman, "and therefore cannot say very much about the matter." Another admitted that he had noticed six columns of Mr. Reid's speech in the "Herald" and had taken the paper home with him with the intention of wading through it. He had not, however, yet had sufficient time at his disposal to devote to this business, but he promised to spend the succeeding Saturday afternoon in the pursuit of federal knowledge in the direction indicated. Business men were also to be met with who looked at federation mainly as it affected their own particular avocations. One gentleman was quite willing to give a dissertation upon federation as it affected sheepskins. Others looked at the subject from the standpoint of the duty on tea, or the profits upon sugar or groceries, whilst not a few, amongst whom, by the way, could be reckoned bankers and the principals of large commercial houses, shut their eyes, poised their pens in the air, and pointed out that federation would cost this colony over £600,000 a year, and asked, "What are we going to get for it?"

There was, however, one very satisfactory feature about the whole matter, and that was that pretty well all the gentlemen who were seen admitted that, at any rate, they had begun to think about the matter. It was recognised, even by the most indifferent, that federation was no longer merely "in the air." It had now become part and parcel of their everyday life. They agreed when spoken to—and it may candidly be stated that some of them did so reluctantly—that federation would affect their business one way or another, whether they liked it or not. It could be gleaned that the subject had been talked about on 'Change, that it had been the topic of discussion between merchants and their customers, and that the question was fast becoming a live factor in city life.

The opinions of commercial men generally were found, upon investigation, to be very much mixed. As nearly as possible there appeared to be an equal division. There were certainly as many in favour of federation as against it. Those in favour of union were usually more ready to speak and to give reasons than were those who were opposed to it.

It must also be admitted that there is ample need for the federal schoolmaster to exert himself with a view of educating city people upon a subject which, apparently, a large section of them have not had time as yet to consider for themselves.

VIEWS OF MR. R. TEECE.

Mr. R. Teece, general manager of the A.M.P. Society, when seen yesterday, said that he had always taken a great interest in the federal movement, and had kept himself well informed upon the matter, so far as he could do so by means of the newspapers. He had not as yet, however, had time to study all the small details of the bill, but he should do so at the first opportunity, and he also intended, if possible, to digest a large proportion of the "Hansard" debates. Whilst he was not in favour of all the provisions in the bill, he thought that taking it on the whole it could be classed as a good measure, and the Constitution was such that he would be able to vote for it.

Regarding the question of finance, Mr. Teece said: "I cannot at all agree with the bookkeeping system, and I should have liked to see the imposition of uniform duties immediately upon the establishment of the Commonwealth. The Finance Committee at Adelaide brought up a scheme which nobody would look at; at Sydney the financial question was not discussed at all; and at Melbourne little or no attempt was made to illustrate the manner in which the proposed scheme would work. A great concession was made to Western Australia; but I must candidly tell you, in my opinion, Western Australia is not ripe for federation, and I think it would be quite sufficient if provision had been made in the bill for that colony to enter the union when conditions became more settled. I do not see any reason for waiting two years before uniform duties are established. Then, the bookkeeping system is utterly useless. It is all very well to say that merchants will have no object to serve by misrepresentation in passing their goods across the border. They will look at the matter from another point of view, and will ask, 'What are we going to gain by it?' Depend upon it, they will not give themselves a lot of trouble for nothing. Had the uniform duties commenced from the starting of the federation all that would have been required would have been collection at the port of entry, and no more bookkeeping would have been necessary than was wanted for the purpose of the Federal Parliament. That would have simplified the whole matter."

It was pointed out by Mr. Teece at some length that there seemed to be a fear amongst certain business men that federation would cause a rearrangement of trade. "I have been told," he said, "that if there were no bookkeeping system the Riverina trade would go through Melbourne. Why should it not? Is not federation being brought about in order to facilitate commercial transactions? If the Riverina people can transact their business better through Melbourne than through Sydney, why should they not do so?"

Mr. Teece explained that according to the scheme which he had proposed there would have been no Federal surplus to distribute, inasmuch as the Federal Government would have taken over a sufficient proportion of the debts of the States to strike a balance. However, that mode had not been adopted, and it remained to be seen what the Federal Government would do at the end of the five years' bookkeeping system.

"I do not see how federation is likely to affect the mercantile community prejudicially," said Mr. Teece; "although, of course, it is impossible for anyone to forecast what is likely to be done during the preliminary two years. There is no doubt that towards the end of the two years there will be an enormous importation of goods into New South Wales. There will be very little importation at first, because the goods would go out of fashion; and I think that there will be very great difficulty in following those goods throughout the whole of the colony."

"You will thus see," continued Mr. Teece, "that like Mr. Reid I can see blots on the bill, but you must not think that because of that I am against federation. I think that the colony will gain enormous advantages from federation, and, of course, if we look for advantages we must be prepared to pay something for them. I think that New South Wales will be able to do so quite as well as any of the other colonies."

"Of course," remarked Mr. Teece, "every man can speak best in the matter of detail as regards his own business. You may take it for granted that all the assurance offices will be in favour of the constitution. Power is given under the bill to legislate upon matters affecting assurance. This is most valuable. Here is the A.M.P. Society, with branches in every colony in Australia, and in each colony we are working under a different Act of Parliament. This puts us to a great deal of trouble and to a great deal of unnecessary expense, and we are often left in doubt as to whether we are doing right or not. Take this example: I am now preparing our annual report. When I get to Victoria I shall have to cut several pages out of that report and re-write them so as to bring them in touch with the conditions ruling in Victoria, and it is the same in South Australia. If there were simply one law for the whole of the colonies as regards assurance and other matters affecting our business, all this trouble would be avoided. Again, we have an office at Broken Hill. Because Broken Hill is in New South Wales all the business has to come to Sydney, although Broken Hill is within one night's reach of Adelaide, where we have a branch office and a board of directors."

Mr. Teece stated that he had heard a good deal said about the fixing of the capital. For himself he did not care where the capital was. Sydney must always be the capital so far as business was concerned. With regard to the appeal to the Privy Council he would have been quite willing to have seen it cut off altogether, and to have allowed the Federal High Court to be the final judge. This would have saved much delay which now took place; whilst our Judges, who were acquainted with our laws and customs, were quite as competent to give decisions upon matters affecting colonial interests as were English Judges who were unacquainted with our surroundings.

Mr. Teece, talking on matters generally, agreed that it would have been impossible to have framed a constitution which would have pleased everybody. He recognised that it had been necessary to make concessions in order to harmonise conflicting interests, and his belief was that the constitution was one under which Australia could be formed into one nation.

SUPPORT BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. A. W. Meeks (president of the Chamber of Commerce), upon being spoken to yesterday, said:—"The Chamber of Commerce has already expressed its views in favour of federation. As regards myself, I may say that I am strongly in favour of the bill. For my own part I think that business generally would benefit, inasmuch as freetrade intercolonially must necessarily be of great assistance to commercial men. Look what an advantage it would be to sweep away all the customs houses. I can't see how Sydney could possibly lose under federation. Steamers would have to call here for coal, and that would make this the central depot of Australia. With regard to the present bill I think it is a most liberal measure. The worst possible features have been pointed out on the one side, and the most favourable view has been taken on the other side. I have heard both sides, and I do not think that there is anything in the bill from which we have anything to fear."

Speaking with regard to the financial question, Mr. Meeks said:—"I have given some attention to this question, and I do not see how any other system than the bookkeeping system could have been adopted. It may be cumbersome and objectionable from many points of view, but as a uniform tariff could not be brought into operation for some time after the formation of the Federal Parliament it was necessary that some such system as is now proposed should be adopted. This was especially so in view of the various tariffs now in operation, and particularly in regard to the tariff in operation in this colony."

Referring to the powers of the two Houses, Mr. Meeks admitted that it would have been impossible to expect the other colonies to join in a federation under which they would have had no voice whatever, and as the power of dissolution is granted with regard to the Senate it is hardly likely, excepting on some great national question, that members of the Senate, who are elected for six years, will run the risk of being sent to the country. He pointed out that in English-speaking communities the invariable rule has been for the Upper House to give way when once the determination of the people has been fully made known.

Regarding the cost of federation there appeared, according to Mr. Meeks, to be a good deal of misapprehension. Owing to its large population New South Wales would have to pay over £600,000, but the fact was overlooked that this sum would cover the cost of defence, post and telegraph offices, quarantine, and a number of other services that would be taken over by the Commonwealth.

Speaking as to the attitude of business men towards the movement, Mr. Meeks said: "So far as I can judge the mercantile community is not opposed to federation. There has been some fear that Sydney would lose over the matter, but when anybody is asked in what way Sydney is likely to lose no one appears to be able to give a reasonable answer. The only thing which we could lose under federation would be anything which we could not hold upon equal terms with the other colonies. Personally I would not go into federation if I thought that New South Wales was likely to suffer materially by reason of the compact, but, instead of losing, I think that this colony will gain business and other advantages by reason of a federal union."

AN OBJECTOR TO FEDERATION.

Mr. F. Lassetter, of F. Lassetter and Co., George-street, when called upon, at once admitted that he was an opponent to federation. If it were adopted we should lose our trade in the south, a great deal of trade in the north, and more trade in the west. One only required to look at a map of New South Wales to see where the trade would inevitably go under federation. If that was not sufficient to convince anybody of the undesirability of union with the other colonies they should study Mr. Coghlan's figures. The fact was, he remarked, that the great clamour for federation arose from the native-born Australians. They desired, as they said, to make Australia a nation, and in his opinion this was simply a prelude to separation from the mother country, which, in this time of wars and rumours of wars, was a matter hardly to be desired.

THE VIEWS OF A MILLER.

Mr. J. Brunton, of the firm of Messrs. Brunton and Co., millers, said that, in his opinion, New South Wales had nothing to suffer by federation becoming an accomplished fact. At present, owing to her open ports, she was being flooded with the surplus products of the other colonies. Of course this would be reversed under an intercolonial freetrade tariff. As to the border trade, the bulk of the requirements in the Murray Valley would go via Melbourne under any circumstances. He thought that under federation a considerable saving could be effected in the management of the services taken over by the Commonwealth; and he was also of opinion that it would be a good thing to bring the railways under Federal control. At the same time, he thought it probable that until our manufactories were somewhat more developed we might suffer slightly from competition with the other colonies. It was, however, only a question of time. Finally, our national advantages as the terminal port, supplemented by our coal supply, would cause Sydney to become the distributing centre of Australia. Generally speaking he was favourable to the constitution.

A WHOLESALE GROCER'S VIEWS.

Mr. P. M. Mitchell, of Messrs. David Mitchell and Co., said that as there would be a certain amount of reciprocity of trade between the colonies under federation he hoped for good results, but until federation came about it was difficult to forecast what the actual result upon business would be. They could only learn by experience. Putting away the question of trade, he would like to see the working out of federation from a national point of view. He recognised that there would be gain ultimately, and, as far as he was concerned, he would be glad to give the proposed constitution a trial.

THE BUTTER INDUSTRY.

Mr. C. C. Lance, manager of the New South Wales Creamery Butter Company, said that as regarded the butter industry intercolonial duties no doubt affected trade somewhat. He was, therefore, in favour of federation, and thought it would be a good thing for the dairying industry generally.

OTHER VIEWS.

Business men are not like politicians, and a good many of them object to have their views circulated abroad with their names attached thereto, although they are quite willing to talk upon the question as it affects their individual business.

The manager of a leading produce warehouse said that he had always been a warm advocate of federation. He considered that the constitution as finally adopted was as satisfactory a one as could be expected, taking into account the varying interests of the different States. Seeing that other federations had been consummated under less favourable circumstances, and had proved to be advantageous, there was every reason to believe that a similar result would be obtained here, and that New South Wales, having the greatest resources, would in the long run reap the greatest benefit.

Against this view, a general importer scouted the idea of federation because he thought it would bring about protection. "The free ports of New South Wales," he said, "give us a great advantage and we should be foolish to lose that advantage by federating with the other colonies and losing our premier position and our distinctive tariff."

A leading tea broker assured a "Herald" representative that most of the members of the tea trade were of opinion that the abolition of the duty on tea had been a great mistake, and, inasmuch as it was generally expected that under federation the duty upon tea would be replaced, he at any rate was in favour of federation, as he thought that the reimposition of the duty would be a good thing for the trade.

Finally, amongst others, a well-known broker was spoken to. He, however, was fearful that the capital of the united colonies would be Melbourne. This would be a great loss to Sydney, and he asked, "Is there one single thing which you could point out which New South Wales would gain by federation?" During the course of further conversation he summed up all the advantages of federation as being merely "national sentiment and all that kind of thing, and for his part he would have none of it."

MAYORAL BANQUET AT PETERSHAM.

THE PREMIER ON THE SITUATION.

DOES NOT OBJECT TO ADVERSE CRITICISM.

PARTY POLITICS AND INTRIGUES v. AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

REFORM OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FORESHADOWED.

The Mayor of Petersham (Mr. Percy Hordern) gave a banquet last evening in the Petersham Town Hall in acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him by the ratepayers of that municipality in electing him for the second time to fill the position of Mayor. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were the Hon. the Premier (Mr. G. H. Reid), Mr. L. C. Russell Jones, M.L.A., and Mr. Hawthorne, M.L.A., on the right hand of the host, and the Hon. J. H. Young (Minister for Works) and Messrs. Rigg and Cann, Ms.L.A., and Mr. F. Kirkpatrick (Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade), on his left hand. After the usual loyal toasts were honoured,

The Chairman, in an admirable and appropriate speech of brief dimensions, proposed the toast of "The Ministry."

The Premier, on rising to respond, was cordially received. He said that he would not have been there that evening but for the high appreciation he had of the constituency of Petersham, and the service it had rendered to liberalism during the last election by electing as its member his friend, Mr. L. C. Russell Jones, M.L.A. (Hear, hear.) As time pressed he would speak on two subjects only. He only introduced them together in order to express a hope that during the next two or three months they would be kept severely distinct. He did hope that the people of New South Wales would not allow the great question of saying "Yes" or "No"—because it was a great question, whichever way they answered it—to be mixed up with the intrigues of party politicians or party politics. (Hear, hear.) They had got their brother Australians into this federal movement upon the most honourable terms, and they had frankly admitted that without New South Wales they could do nothing. (Hear, hear.) The duty they owed to the other Australian colonies who had followed the leadership of New South Wales was that they should, each one for himself, honestly and frankly consider the momentous question of federation, and say "Yes" or "No" to it entirely without regard to the great local controversial party lines which existed upon other subjects. (Hear, hear.) He was determined with all the strength he possessed—and the Government had a great deal of strength in this matter—to do his duty to the people of New South Wales and Australia by preventing as far as possible the mixing up of issues upon this question. They were the guardians of the public interests, and he thought every man in the country would admit that the public interests required that there should be a truce upon even the grave subjects which demanded their attention in their own politics until this question of "Yes" or "No" on the Commonwealth Bill was decided. (Hear, hear.) In pressing this view, he did not desire to give any advantage to one side of the movement or the other. He took the position that the public, and public men to whom the public looked for guidance, should be able to go to their constituents and deal with the subject on its merits, free from the dust of party contest. (Hear, hear.) They all knew this was a matter of considerable inconvenience to carry out. The Government proposed to put before Parliament as one of the first subjects of its political programme a serious and radical change in the constitution of the Legislative Council. That was a subject of the utmost gravity, hence it would be a thousand pities if upon this great subject the electors were thrown into the turmoil of considering this question at the time they had to decide the question whether or not New South Wales should go into this federation. He could not help noticing that the question of federation caused men on both sides of the Legislative Assembly a great deal of anxiety. Every member on both sides of the House ought to be free to exercise his judgment irrespective of party considerations. (Applause.) He did not at all object when some of his strongest supporters in the freetrade party criticised his actions, and showed their readiness to fight against him on this subject. He gave them the most absolute liberty to do it, just as he claimed the most absolute liberty to do what he conceived to be his duty; but it would be a thousand pities if men who had stood side by side and shoulder to shoulder for years as a body to bring about a number of sound and valuable reforms in local politics, should break the ties which had united them upon a subject which could be kept quite distinct from our own party politics. (Hear, hear.) Those who said that federation should be made a party question were those who did not think they were strong enough to fight the battle upon its own merits. (Cheers.) The men who seemed to strike at federation by such means were trying to achieve an end in an improper manner. There was the bill for every man to consider on its merits. Even his bitterest enemies—he did not think he had any—even his bitterest friends admitted that in his review of the Commonwealth Bill for the benefit of the people he did his duty with absolute candour and honesty. (Cheers.) He was bound to do that. (Applause.) If he had come forward with a string of perorations about the glory of Australian union and left them in the dark about the sacrifices they were bound to make, he would have acted the traitor to the people who had trusted him. (Applause.) The fact that the people had trusted him doubled his anxiety to act fairly and straightly by the people. The Commonwealth Bill must go through an ordeal, and if the people were not convinced that the cause of Australian union could be best established under such a constitution, if they thought the bill was so framed that it called upon New South Wales to sacrifice too much, they were at liberty to exercise their judgment and conscience by voting against it. But if they said, "We know about these sacrifices—Mr. Reid has made them plain enough to us—but we take the risk for the sake of Australian union," they had a right to do so, as it was a matter between a man's conscience and the ballot-box. He wanted the great question of federation raised above the pettiness and meanness of party political strife. He wanted the people to be instructed by men on both sides of the House, and did not want their minds warped by crooked statements as to advantages that could be gained by taking a certain course. Such things would degrade the great verdict which the people of this colony were about to give. He could promise them and the rest of the people of New South Wales that such practical and speedy steps would be taken as would absolutely bring about, and secure to the people of New South Wales, the advantages of the course of policy to which he had referred. (Loud cheers.)

Immediately at the conclusion of his speech Mr. Reid retired in order to board the express tram at the Petersham railway station for the purpose of proceeding to Wagga to fulfil a professional engagement at the Circuit Court. As he bade the company good-bye, and left the hall, he was accorded three hearty cheers.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, also responded to the toast.

The toast of "Parliament" was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. A. G. F. James.

Messrs. L. C. Russell Jones, W. Rigg, J. Hayes, and Cann, Ms.L.A., responded. The latter, speaking on behalf of the labour party, claimed that it was the first to discover and declare that federation was a question that should be dealt with as a matter of principle rather than on the personalities of the delegates to the Convention. He did not hesitate to say that the Commonwealth Bill as now framed asked New South Wales to make too many sacrifices at this stage. He hoped the people would not make these sacrifices, even though they might be in favour of federation.

The health of the host was proposed by Mr. E. R. Halloran, and was honoured with loud cheers.

The chairman responded in happy terms, and was warmly cheered throughout his speech, especially when he remarked that during his Mayoralty he had sought to extend the social functions of his office to all sections of the ratepayers of Petersham, irrespective of their position or politics.

The toasts of the "Ladies" and the "Press" concluded the proceedings, which finally ended with three cheers for the Mayor.

The banquet was carried out in an excellent manner by Mr. E. D. Tollemache, caterer, of George-street.

THE CAMPAIGN IN VICTORIA.

PROGRAMME OF THE A.N.A. ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The board of directors of the A.N.A. held a meeting this afternoon and arranged the programme of its campaign in favour of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill. In accordance with the resolution of the annual conference that the association should issue a manifesto, a subcommittee was appointed to draw up that document. The sub-committee will set to work as soon as possible, and a manifesto will be issued embodying the main provisions of the bill and an explanation of some of its principal features. It was also determined that there should be held as soon after Easter as practicable a large public meeting in the Melbourne Town Hall to begin the campaign. In this the Australasian Federation League and other bodies heartily co-operate. If any objection is raised about a meeting being held before Sir George Turner speaks on the subject the association points out that the question must be regarded as a people's question, and not as a Ministerial subject, and quotes the fact that Mr. Barton spoke in New South Wales before Mr. Reid as a justification of its argument. Immediately after this large inaugural gathering meetings will be held throughout Victoria by the branches of the Australian Natives' Association. At these meetings speakers approved by the board of directors will explain the bill and advocate the cause of federation. Throughout the campaign the Australian Natives' Association directors will be in consultation, and will act in conjunction with the Australasian Federation League, so that all clashing may be avoided.

At Beechworth to-night a crowded public meeting heartily supported the Federal Commonwealth Bill as a fair and equitable basis for federation.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

Marked expressions of satisfaction were manifested on all sides when the local press telegrams informed the public that Mr. Reid had expressed himself in favour of Australian federation.

Mr. Cotton, M.L.A., desires to state that in his remarks as to future action to be taken in respect to the Convention Bill he did not speak on behalf of the labour party, of which he is not a member, but as a member of the Parliamentary Vigilance Committee.

LATE MINING.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales were:—Clark's Brilliant Worcester and Victory, 8s 4d; Craven's Caledonia, 2s 7d; Identity United, contributing, 11d; Lady Florence, 2s 9d, 2s 8d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 2s 1½d; Moonstone Consols, 3s 8d; Moonstone Extended P. C., contributing, 1s 7d; Moonstone Towers Extended Block, contributing, 2s 9d; North Queen, contributing, 6d; New Queen, 4s 6d; Papuan Brilliant and Victoria, 8s, 7s 11d; Queen Central, contributing, 2s 4½d, 2s 3½d; ditto, paid, 3s 11d; Smith's Extended Block, 1s 5d; Victoria and Caledonia, 4s 8d.

The Brilliant Block has crushed 580 tons of stone for 476oz. gold.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

Gold is being found on Mr. Arthur Purcell's claim on the Ivanhoe Venture lease, pieces of the metal weighing 1dwt. each having been discovered in undoubted wash at 106ft. A little water is coming in, and the men are erecting puddling machinery to treat the wash. It is considered beyond doubt that a true deep lead has been found, and large numbers of claims have been pegged between the Venture lease and Boulder Town, some of them being on unoccupied ground.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Queensland Exchange sales:—O'Donohue P.C. Tribute, 4½d; South-west Minerva, contributing, 7½d.

Mr. H. H. Brown, M.L.A., was robbed on Monday night whilst staying at an hotel in the city. His portmanteau and its contents were taken from his room whilst he was in bed.

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THE DUDLEY COLLIERY DISASTER.

THE INQUIRY CONTINUED.

OPINIONS OF DUDLEY MINERS.

THE MEN SATISFIED WITH THE MANAGEMENT.

GAS AND VENTILATION.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The City Coroner, Mr. G. C. Martin, J.P., continued the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Thomas Dorrity and John Benson, two of the victims of the Dudley colliery disaster, at the City Court, Newcastle, to-day. Mr. E. H. Wilshire appeared on behalf of the Crown; Hon. Alexander Brown, M.L.C., represented the proprietors; Mr. W. H. Baker appeared for the colliery manager (Mr. Hugh Humphreys); Sub-inspector Saunders was present on behalf of the police; and Mr. James Curley (miners' secretary) watched the proceedings on behalf of the Colliery Employees' Federation. Mr. A. A. Atkinson (chief inspector of collieries) and Inspector Humble were also present. There was a large attendance of colliery managers and the general public.

Robert Sutherland, engine-driver at the Dudley colliery, deposed that he had occupied his present position since the opening of the pit. He was on duty at 4.50 a.m. on the day of the explosion, and was engaged until 6 a.m. in getting up steam. He did not notice the time at which the ventilating fan was started. That was not a part of his duty. He saw Cook and Benson descend the pit at about 6.55 a.m., others went down at 7.25 a.m., and the last entered the mine at 7.30 a.m. Parsons was the last person to leave the mine at about 8.50 a.m. Witness was in the fireroom when the disaster occurred. The explosion was preceded by a hissing noise, and his attention was attracted by the escape of steam from the main shaft. His first impression was that the steam pipe had burst, and he was in the act of proceeding to the shaft to ascertain what had happened when the explosion took place. Volumes of smoke, dust, and small coal belched forth from the main shaft, and the cage, which weighed between 23cwt. and 26cwt., was lifted into the air for a distance of about 22ft. Tons of debris were strewn in all directions. The second cage at the bottom of the pit was completely wrecked. The winding gear, with the exception of the cage guide lines, was not injured. There were four enginemen employed at the colliery. It was the duty of the fanman to see that the fan was started at the proper time. If the fan was started later than usual it would be the duty of the fan-driver to report the matter to the underground manager. Witness saw smoke issuing from the stacks at 5.30. It was the custom of the pit for the deputies to conduct an examination of the workings before the men were allowed to go down. Half an hour would be sufficient to ascertain the condition of the ventilation.

By Mr. Curley: The deputies usually carried safety lamps.

A RELATIVE'S TESTIMONY.

Sidney Robert Young, a saddler, employed at the colliery, corroborated the evidence of the previous witness as to the time the miners descended the pit. He did not notice the time when the fan was started on the morning of the explosion. Witness was a son of Thomas Young, one of the deputies who had lost his life in the pit, and whose body had not been recovered. His father had never said anything to witness which would lead him to believe that deceased apprehended danger. He had never heard his father mention the existence of gas in the mine.

By the Coroner: His father had been employed in the mine on and off for about two years. Witness was aware that each of the employees had received a copy of the "Special Rules" of the colliery.

By Mr. Wilshire: His father always brought his safety lamp home with him and cleaned it. He was positive that his father had the Davy lamp with him on the morning of the explosion. Witness had a conversation with deceased at the pit mouth on the morning of the disaster. Deceased remarked that he had a long walk before him, and witness assumed from this that he proposed to make an inspection round the whole of the workings.

ANOTHER RELATIVE'S OPINION.

Thomas Durham, father of one of the victims, whose body still remains in the pit, was next called. Witness had worked in the pit for six or seven weeks prior to the catastrophe. He had never observed gas in the mine, and there was an excellent supply of air. Witness had been connected with the colliery as a deputy in its earlier history. When he left on the first occasion the examination of the workings occupied about three and a quarter hours. The witness then explained the duties of a deputy. Men were never allowed to enter any portion of the workings until inspected by one of the deputies. There was perhaps a little gas in the mine. He had gone down when the fan was not in operation, but had not proceeded far from the bottom of the pit.

By the Coroner: At no time did he consider that danger existed owing to gas in the mine.

By Mr. Wilshire: The first thing a deputy would do after the fan had ceased working for 47 hours would be to examine the cabin, and then to inspect the narrow bords. Each place was examined before the miners were allowed to enter and when the whole of the places had been filled the deputy would commence his general inspection of the workings.

By Hon. Alexander Brown: Witness had worked under five different managers and considered Mr. Humphreys a most careful manager.

By Mr. Wilshire: The deputies marked the places which they had inspected, and no miner could resume work until after inspection of the workings.

By the Coroner: Those who accompanied witness when he was a deputy carried naked lights.

By Mr. Baker: During the whole time he was a deputy he never heard any complaint from any of the men as to the dangerous nature of the pit.

A MINER'S EVIDENCE.

William Soult, a shiftman employed at the Dudley colliery, stated that the body of miners waited at "the station" in the pit and were conducted in pairs to the different places by the deputies, who had previously inspected the workings. Witness had met with gas in the mine two or three weeks prior to the explosion, but it was not dangerous and did not fire. On one occasion witness fired a shot, which resulted in leaving some coal hanging. He went to chip it down, and the gas coming into contact with his naked light at once fired. He reported the circumstance to deceased Hetherington, one of the deputies, who immediately caused additional bratticing to be erected. Witness had not met with a great deal of gas in the mine, and had never heard of it coming out of the face. He had worked in almost every portion of the pit, and could not say whether more gas existed in one district than in another. His experience with gas-firing occurred in Bob's heading.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH GAS.

Alfred Green, another shiftman, employed at the Dudley Colliery, stated that he was with the previous witness when the gas fired in Bob's heading. That occurred eight or nine days before the disaster. The circumstances described by the previous witness were corroborated. About five months previously witness met with a similar experience in Noble's heading, situated a considerable distance from Bob's heading. He did not know whether the miners at Dudley had appointed a check inspector as at other collieries. He had never heard of a check inspector elected by the Dudley miners.

Robert Sutherland, engine-driver, re-called, deposed that Deputy Hetherington kept his safety-lamp in the engine-room. No one except the deputies interfered with the safety-lamps. Since the explosion the engine-room had been full of safety-lamps.

John Twaites, a miner, deposed that he had had 36 years' experience in coal-mining, and had worked at the Dudley Colliery for about two years. He had only seen gas in the Dudley pit on two occasions, and did not consider the mine dangerous. The cause of the gas firing on one occasion was the stoppage of the ventilating machinery, and the employee at fault was prosecuted by the colliery manager and fined. The ventilation of the workings was excellent. He did not go into the mine after the explosion. Witness would expect an accumulation of gas in the mine after the fan had stopped working for 47 hours. It would not take long to clear the pit of gas. He had worked in other gaseous mines in England. He had always considered the Dudley Colliery to be the best regulated mine in the northern district.

THE FAN STOPPED FOR THREE YEARS.

Hon. Alex. Brown: Would you be surprised to hear, and you can take it from me as a fact, that for three years the fan never worked, and that during the whole of that time men were engaged in cutting coal with naked lights?

Witness: I cannot offer an opinion.

Richard Dryden, a miner, deposed that he had been employed at the Dudley Colliery for five years. He occasionally came across a little gas, but not sufficient to cause alarm. He had known the gas escaping from the drill holes to fire on one or two occasions. He descended the mine after the explosion, and was present when three of the bodies of the victims were discovered. He was not aware that miners had been asked to use safety lamps in consequence of the presence of gas. Dudley mine could not be regarded as a very gaseous pit. He had not formed any opinion as to where the explosion originated.

By Mr. Atkinson: The deputies had always attended to representations of men, and had never failed to provide bratticing when requested. Bratticing was sometimes carried to within 6ft. of the face.

By Mr. Curley: The explosion was a heavy one, but there were no serious falls.

By Mr. Baker: The mine was well ventilated and no danger was ever apprehended.

By Hon. Alex. Brown: Witness saw Mr. Curley and others at the bottom of the pit after the explosion. They were not carrying safety lamps.

GAS IN OTHER COLLIERIES.

Richard Parker, a miner, said that he had been employed at the Dudley Colliery for 6½ years. He was engaged in that portion of the pit known as the air-shaft heading. He had seen flashes of gas in drill holes on one or two occasions immediately after lighting the fuse to fire a shot. He had twice met with gas in the heading indicated. He had met with gas in the Burwood and West Wallsend collieries, in both of which he had been employed. The Dudley Colliery was not an exception.

By the Coroner: He had worked at West Wallsend, and had met with gas similar to that found at Dudley.

By Mr. Curley: There was a greater quantity of gas in the Dudley mine at the earlier period of its history than during more recent years. He had not noticed the presence of gas during the past two years until he worked in the bord referred to. The ventilation was excellent.

THE AIR SUPPLY SATISFACTORY.

William Ward, miner, also employed at Dudley Colliery, deposed that he had met with a little gas on one or two occasions. He detected it in drill-holes. The accumulation was not of a serious nature. He had encountered gas when working in the air shaft heading.

Mr. A. Atkinson: When you resumed work after the fan had been stopped for some time did you observe the presence of an additional quantity of gas in the pit?

Witness: No. There was no difference, and the workings were as clear as if the fan had been kept in operation.

By the Coroner: He had always been satisfied with the ventilation of the mine.

The proceedings were further adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL FUND.

MEETING IN NEWCASTLE.

A public meeting of residents of the city of Newcastle, convened by the Mayor, Alderman Kidd, in response to a largely and influentially signed petition, was held in the old courthouse, Hunter-street, to-night, for the purpose of inaugurating a fund for the alleviation of the distress existing among the relatives of the victims of the Dudley Colliery disaster. The chair was occupied by the Mayor of Newcastle, and there was a moderate attendance of prominent citizens. A number of ladies occupied seats in front of the platform. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Bishop of Newcastle, the Dean of Newcastle, the Coadjutor Bishop of Maitland, the Rev. Seth Jones, Alderman Sharp, Mr. S. Cohen, and others.

The town clerk read the following list of subscriptions already received:—His Excellency Lord Hampden, £20; the Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Stanton), £10; Messrs. Dalgety and Co. (shipping agents for the Dudley Coal Company), per the Hon. Alex. Brown, M.L.C. (managing director), £10 10s; the trustees of the Dudley estate, per Mr. Frank Gardner, £25; Dr. Dwyer, Roman Catholic Coadjutor Bishop of Maitland, £5; Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons, £25; Messrs. J. and J. R. Wood, £21; Mr. Parbury, of Sydney, £10; Citizens' Life Assurance Company, £10 10s; Mr. James Taylor, of Department of Mines, £5; Messrs. J. and J. T. Toohey, £10 10s; Messrs. David Cohen and Co., £5; Messrs. J. Ireland and Co., £5; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, £3 3s; the Mayor of Newcastle, £3 3s; Dr. H. M. Doyle, £3 3s; and a number of subscriptions of smaller amounts.

The Mayor, in opening the meeting, said that he had already received a large sum towards the proposed fund, and expressed the hope that as the result of that meeting a substantial amount would be realised. In the course of his remarks he referred to the necessity for the establishment of a miners' permanent relief fund, to be contributed to by the government, colliery proprietors, and miners. (Applause.)

Hon. James Blanksby, M.L.C., moved,—"That this meeting expresses its sympathy with the sufferers by the recent calamity at the Dudley colliery, and pledges itself to its utmost efforts to augment the fund so generously started for their relief."

Mr. Joseph Wood seconded and Mr. James Curley (miners' secretary) supported the motion, which was unanimously carried amid applause.

Mr. C. O. Flashman, district inspector of Public Schools, moved,—"That a committee be formed for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution, such committee to consist of the Mayor and aldermen of the city of Newcastle, the members of Parliament for city and district electorates, the clergymen of the various religious denominations, together with Messrs. Joseph Wood, D. J. M'Lean, H. W. Lee, W. H. Baker, and G. R. Short, with power to add to their number. In the course of his remarks he stated that circulars had been forwarded to the teachers and pupils of the Public schools of Newcastle and district asking them to assist in the movement. He was glad to say that the matter had been warmly taken up throughout the whole of the northern district, and he anticipated that a fairly substantial sum would be realised. (Applause.)

The Rev. Charles Whyte seconded the resolution.

Mr. M'Michael moved, and Mr. J. A. Pulbrook seconded, an amendment as follows:—"That a general committee of 12 be appointed from this meeting, with power to add to their number." The contention was that the proposed committee was altogether too large to be of any practical value.

The amendment was carried and the motion rejected.

The following were then elected as the committee:—The Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman Kidd), Messrs. Joseph Wood, Jas. Curley, D. J. M'Lean, C. O. Flashman, J. R. Hall, J. M'Michael, H. Cuthbertson, T. M. O'Neill, A. Fenwick, G. R. Short, and Rev. Charles Whyte, M.A. The following names were subsequently added to the committee:—Alderman Lock, Alderman Sunbury, Rev. W. Bain, Dr. Doyle, Messrs. H. Berkely, S. S. Cohen, and G. F. Earp.

The Mayor was elected hon. treasurer of the fund, and the Hon. J. Blanksby, M.L.C., Mr. G. S. Holland (town clerk), and Mr. Walter Gale, F.R.A.S., were appointed joint hon. secretaries of the movement.

On the motion of the Hon. J. Blanksby, seconded by Dr. Doyle, and supported by Mr. D. J. M'Lean, J.P., it was resolved,—"That it be an instruction to the committee already elected to communicate with the committees appointed in other centres with a view to the formation of a joint administrative committee and a central fund."

Mr. D. J. M'Lean moved and the Rev. W. Bain seconded,—"That it be an instruction to the general committee from this meeting that in the event of a surplus existing after the legitimate requirements of the Dudley sufferers have been met, such balance shall be devoted to the alleviation of distress arising from similar mining accidents."

A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was evident that the meeting was strongly in favour of the establishment of a permanent fund to meet cases of this nature. It was pointed out that there was a sum of £25,000 still at the credit of the Bulli Disaster Relief Fund, and that the trustees had no power to apply any portion of that money to alleviating distress consequent upon disasters of a similar character.

The motion was unanimously carried

Subscriptions were then invited, and a total of £205 9s 6d was received.

THE MEREWETHER FUND.

The residents of Merewether have also established a fund, and a sum of nearly £70 has been subscribed. Mr. E. A. M. and Mrs. A. Merewether, sen., headed the list with a donation of £50.

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Linnean Society of New South Wales held its twenty-fourth annual meeting at the hall, Elizabeth Bay, last night, under the presidency of Professor Wilson.

The President, in reviewing the work of the past session, said that the period had been a decidedly busy one. Nine ordinary members were elected into the society, one resigned, and two, Mr. Robert Cooper Walker and Professor T. J. Parker, had died. The address further made feeling reference to the late Sir Patrick Jennings, K.C.M.G., and Archdeacon R. L. King. The hon. treasurer (the Hon. Dr. Norton, M.L.C.) had signified his intention to resign his office owing to failing health, and the council of the society received the resignation with regret. Mr. F. N. Trebeck had consented to undertake the duties of treasurer. An important achievement of the session was the revision of the rules of the society, and in that connection Mr. J. R. Garland had rendered valuable aid. Another important matter dealt with was the appointment of the first Macleay bacteriologist, the successful candidate being Mr. R. Greig Smith, F.C.S., a gentleman possessing highly favourable English credentials. Whether the bacteriologist should have a pathological, a physiologico-chemical, biological, or industrial bias was a question which, as it had transpired, had been settled by circumstances rather than the direct intervention of the council. The essential thing was that he should be doing good work. Over and above purely pathological developments the operations of bacteria freely affected people in their daily life and domestic routine, so that in that department, not less than in the field of infectious diseases, there was ample scope for investigation. Concluding, the president referred in congratulatory terms to papers published in England from the pens of Dr. Robert Broom, Dr. Elliot Smith, and Mr. J. P. Hill, all members of the society.

Professor Wilson then delivered a learned disquisition on some phases of biological thought, in which he dwelt on the value of idea of purpose and the conception of mechanism in general, as well as human evolution.

On the motion of Mr. H. Deane, M.A., seconded by Dr. J. C. Cox, a vote of thanks was tendered the president for his able address. The review of the work of the session was adopted on the motion of the Rev. J. M. Curran, seconded by Mr. W. W. Froggatt. The formal tender of the treasurer's resignation having been lodged, Mr. J. R. Garland moved and Mr. W. S. Dun seconded a motion conveying the appreciation of the society of the services of the Hon. James Norton, and expressing regret at his resignation. The motion was carried unanimously.

Professor Wilson was re-elected president. The following were re-elected to the council, namely:—Drs. J. C. Cox and Thomas Dixon, Professor W. A. Haswell, Hon. James Norton, LL.D., M.L.C., and Messrs. Perceval R. Pedley and Prosper N. Trebeck, J.P. Mr. Walter W. Froggatt, F.L.S., was elected a member of the council, and Messrs. Hugh Dixon, J.P., and Edward G. W. Palmer were re-elected auditors.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Public Holidays.—Public holidays have been proclaimed as follows:—Districts of Orange, Blayney, and Carcoar, Thursday, 31st instant; districts of Balranald, Moulamein, Euston, and Oxley, Tuesday, 12th proximo; districts of Forbes and Parkes, Wednesday, 20th proximo; district of Muswellbrook, Thursday, 28th proximo.

On Monday evening last Canon and Mrs. Corlette held an "at home" at St. John's Parish Hall, Ashfield, to bid farewell to their friends prior to their departure for England. During the evening Canon Corlette was presented with a purse of sovereigns.

Ensure Health, Wealth, and Happiness by drinking Nicholls' Non-alcoholic Tasmanian Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

THE MARINE BOARD.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The fortnightly meeting of the Newcastle Marine Board was held in the boardroom, Customs-house buildings, this afternoon. The president, Captain H. R. Cross, occupied the chair. Nothing further was done in regard to the action of the captain of the Tangier in connection with the wrecked brig Minora, but it was intimated that a report on the matter, together with a copy of the depositions, would be forwarded to the London Board of Trade.

SCHOOL OF ARTS.

A special meeting of the general committee of the Newcastle School of Arts was held in the boardroom at the institution to-night for the purpose of completing the arrangements for the erection of a recreation hall on the vacant block of land in possession of the committe, at the corner of Scott and Wolfe streets. The tender of Mr. J. Myer, of Wickham, at £140 was accepted, and the work will be proceeded with at once. The new hall will be devoted to billiards, chess, draughts, cards, and other games.

A fancy bazaar in aid of the funds of the Wickham Wesleyan Church was opened by Mr. J. L. Fegan in the Wickham School of Arts this afternoon.

A special meeting of the Newcastle Shop Employees' Union was held in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-night to consider what steps should be taken, in view of the abandonment of the early closing system by the shopkeepers of the city. It was resolved to convene a monster meeting at an early date to solicit the aid of the eight-hour demonstration committee.

The Newcastle District Public School Teachers' Association has appointed 12 delegates to attend the conference of school teachers to be held in Sydney at Easter.

At the quarterly meeting of the Hetton miners' lodge, held last night, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing term:—Chairman, Mr. Dawson; secretary, Mr. Presland; delegate, Mr. J. G. Hamilton; treasurer, Mr. Dyett; committee, Messrs. M'Teer, M'Naughton, Penman, and Jones; check inspectors, Messrs. Jones and Wright.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ALBANI CONCERTS.

Mme. Albani made her rentree at the Town Hall last night amidst general enthusiasm, that was redoubled after her first song, which at once proved her in magnificent voice. Amateurs who have only heard Mme. Albani during her first season will not fail to realise the increased vitality and richer sonorous ring which now characterises the noble voice. The organ, no doubt, needed work when employed last month, and has responded generously to the demands made upon it. Probably because she was delighted with the overwhelming enthusiasm, Mme. Albani gave last night's audience "full measure, pressed down and running over," singing again and again at the request of excited admirers. The other members of the company were also one and all in fine cue, and the concert as a whole may be fairly claimed as the best yet given here.

Mme. Albani, after acknowledging the prolonged welcome of the house, sang the mad scene from "Lucia di Lammermoor," investing the recitative, especially at the words "Edgardo Mio," with heart tenderness, mingled with a poignant melancholy, that at once put every hearer in touch with the dramatic situation. Mr. John Lemmone played the all-important flute obbligato with that peculiar fullness of tone which is one of the charms of his style. The Australian flautist is, indeed, one of the few players, whether in the old world or the new, who can use his instrument so as to give it significance. In the aria itself the accord between flute and voice was perfect. Mme. Albani sang the "Ardon gl'Incensi" with exquisite purity of tone, clear as crystal, yet with that human quality of emotion running through it which distinguishes the finest voices from every other instrument of sound. This rendering of the immortal melody stirred the hearts of all present with rapture, and the great singer replied to the applause by repeating with the same fluency and expressive power the allegro movement of the scena. Later Mme. Albani sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," which, with the contralto air "Lord, to Thee, each Night and Day," may be named as all that is now remembered of "Theodora," a work for which Handel himself cherished a particular predilection. The fine diction displayed throughout, and the long-held high note, subtly vibrant to the faint pianissimo preceding the delicate downdrawing to the closing phrase of the song, were the great points in the interpretation. Probably by way of contrast Mme. Albani chose as encore "Lucia di Quest' Anima" ("Lindu di Chamounix"), to which her easy flow of song throughout the bravura air gave the needed effect of spontaneous exuberant joy. Mme. Albani's other numbers were Schumann's "The Highland Slumber Song," in which the long intervals which give it character were skilfully rendered, and Arditi's vocal waltz "Rosebuds." Here the brilliant quality of the voice and vivacious style again made an additional number imperative. The star accordingly sang Braga's "Serenata," with violin obbligato tenderly played by Miss Nora Clench, and Signor Seppilli at the piano, the sum total being an ensemble in which the poetic sentiment of the whole conception was fully expressed.

Miss Nora Clench and Signor Seppilli opened the concert with two movements of Bach's "Sonata in E major" for violin and piano (originally harpsichord), which proved the best-rendered duet these artists have yet submitted at these concerts. Miss Clench showed a good cantilena in the adagio, the flowing passages of which are striking in their grace; and the genius of the old master shines again in the allegro, in which a sense of rapid, exhilarating movement is vividly conveyed. Both artists played here with animation and precision, and showed so much sympathy with the wonderful contrapuntal music that it is to be hoped that they will repeat it before leaving Sydney. Miss Clench also won deserved acceptance in several solo numbers. Miss Sarah Berry was encored for the gavotte "Here I am in Beauty's Room," from "Mignon," but made her artistic success in the added number, Rubenstein's setting of Heine's "Thou Bloomest Like a Flower." The singer here showed the deepest tenderness compatible with the avoidance of passion, and thus the flavour of idyllic love which animates the verse was reproduced. Mr. Orlando Harley, who always sings with artistic taste, but was in delicate health when last here, proved in much stronger voice last night, and rendered "In Native Worth" with a mingled dignity and tenderness of style which delighted connoisseurs. The tenor also sang sweetly "Come, Gentle Sleep," from Sullivan's "Ivanhoe," and it proved a fine piece of music, cleverly orchestrated. In acknowledgment of insistent applause, Mr. Harley added "Annie Laurie," with acceptance. Mr. William Paull's fresh and resonant voice was heard to much advantage in "Loving Smile" ("Dio Possente") from Gounod's "Faust," his encore to which was Lane Wilson's arrangement of an old English melody, "When Dull Care"—a welcome contribution. Later Mr. Paull was heartily encored for the rollicking drinking song from "Ivanhoe" ("Ho! Jolly Jenkin"), when his extra number was "Simon the Cellarer."

Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove now announce the only matinee of the tour for Saturday afternoon, when an entirely new programme will be given. Mme. Albani will give the last miscellaneous concert of her Australian tour on Monday evening next.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The city organist was severely classic at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, his programme being culled from the works of Beethoven and Bach exclusively.

CONCERT AT REDFERN.

In the presence of a large audience, on March 25, a rendering of Bradbury's cantata "Esther" was given in the Redfern Congregational Church, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Jester. The programme opened with a number of solos. Miss Gibson sang "O Divine Redeemer," Miss Taylor "Eternal Rest," Miss M'Burnie "The Cry of Israel," Miss Hallams "The Lost Chord," and Mr. H. Andrews "In the Cathedral." Mr. T. O'Donnell also contributed a solo. The principals in the cantata were—Miss Gibson, who took the part of Esther; Miss Hallams, First Maid of Honour; Miss Taylor as Zeresh; Mr. A. Walker filled the part of The King; the part of Mordecai was taken by Mr. T. O'Donnell, and that of Haman by Mr. H. Andrews. Mrs. Little presided at the organ.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CHURCH PARADE.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the church parade service at the Town Hall on Sunday next:—The troops will march from Hyde Park at 9 a.m. and enter the Town Hall by the Druitt-street and Bathurst-street doors. The general public will enter by the main door in George-street. The floor space will be reserved for troops, special seats for officers, &c., being in front. The platform will be reserved for the clergy, the choir, and the band of the N. S. Wales Artillery. The northern and southern galleries will be open to the general public. The eastern gallery, so far as space will permit, is reserved for the Mayor and the aldermen, with their families, also for members of Parliament and their families, and officers' wives and families. Entrance will be by the main front door in George-street. When the troops have all been seated the remainder of floor space, if any, will be thrown open to the general public. The service commences at 9.30 a.m., and the collection will be in aid of the Thirlmere Home. His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney will preach the sermon.

The undermentioned officers of the Veterinary Department will attend the camp of continuous training to be held near Rookwood:—Veterinary-Lieutenant Gribben, acting principal veterinary-surgeon, from April 7 to April 16 inclusive; Hon. Veterinary-Lieutenant Bowker, from April 8 to April 15 inclusive.

A guard of honour, 50 rank and file of the 1st Garrison Division Artillery, will parade in front of the Druitt-street entrance to the Town Hall at 9.15 a.m. on Sunday next to receive the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

When Princess Beatrice was married she wore her mother's lace on her dress, and those who delight in multiplying cases which encourage their belief in superstition will note with interest that in connection with the appearance of this bridal lace in public, all those who have worn it have become widows—the Queen, the Princess Royal (Empress Frederick of Germany), and Princess Beatrice.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. Facilities will as usual be afforded by omnibus and tram services for reaching the course.

St. Francis was yesterday scratched for the A.J.C. St. Leger.

The racehorses Battalion Jack Hanwell, Bobadil, Ormaz, and Elusive arrived yesterday by train from Melbourne to fulfil their A.J.C. autumn engagements.

The stewards of the Brighton pony and galloway races yesterday disqualified the jockey P. Walker for a term of 12 months on a charge of foul riding preferred against him in connection with the running of the Brighton Handicap on Monday last.

Vegetable Creek and Jerilderie J.C. race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

Iron Duke is now being trained by P. Nolan, who is instructing him in the rudiments of hurdle racing.

F. M'Grath has had his string of horses in training at Canterbury increased by the addition of the up-country performer Honeydew II., by Emerald from Beeswing.

The pony and galloway races which were to have been held yesterday at Moorefield, were, on account of the state of the course from rain, postponed until to-morrow.

The offices of the Rosehill Racing Club and the Kensington Pony and Galloway Race Club have been removed to 189 Castlereagh-street, one door from Park-street.

There was little business done yesterday in the local betting market on forthcoming events, the principal inquiries being for Sailor Boy for the Doncaster Handicap and Brazen Lad for the Sydney Cup, 100 to 6 being accepted about the former and 100 to 10 about the latter.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington on Thursday, 7th proximo. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, at 5 p.m. to-morrow. The programme will be found in our advertising columns.

Present indications point to a most successful meeting at Clarendon on Saturday, under the management of the Hawkesbury Race Club. Advices from the headquarters of the club state that the track was never in better order, and already over 25 horses are working there. Trainers' tickets for the saddling paddock will be issued at the office of the Rosehill Race Club up to 4 p.m. to-morrow. Bookmakers who intend to transact business at the meeting can also pay the necessary fee to the secretary up to the same hour.

The doubtful off fore leg which caused the compulsory retirement of that fine Nordenfeldt colt, Rhymer, from the turf has been fired and blistered, and the colt will undergo a long spell. Norwegian and a three-year-old, all the property of Mr. Hordern, have also been fired by Veterinary-surgeon Stewart, of Darlinghurst.

A visitor to Wilton Park stud says the foals there by the imported St. Simon horse Gigue are a fine collection.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-morrow for the events to be decided at Lillie Bridge on Monday night. Particulars will be found in the advertising columns.

The programme of pony and galloway races to be run at Brighton on Monday next is announced in the business portion of the paper. Entries for the events enumerated therein close with the secretary, Mr. T. Peters, at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

VICTORIAN SPORTING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It is probable that Nipper will be sent to Sydney to compete at the A.J.C. Meeting.

In the betting market Bobadil and Reaper are the favourites for the Doncaster Handicap at 10 to 1 each. 100 to 8 offered is against Vedette. Amberite is the favourite for the Sydney Cup at 5 to 1.

THE HURDLE RACER CHARTREUSE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Chartreuse got away from his boy at Mentone this afternoon and galloped all over Mentone and Cheltenham. He jumped a couple of railway gates and was eventually found lying under the railway bridge at Cheltenham, completely exhausted. He was a good deal knocked about, so much so that his trip to Adelaide has been abandoned.

MOREE RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The second day of the Moree Racing Club's annual meeting was well attended, to-day being proclaimed a public holiday. In the town, which was deserted, all the stores were closed at noon. The results were:—

Grand Stand Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Napoleon, 7st 9lb, 1; Tuska Tuska, 10st, 2; Othmar, 8st 4lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 17 2-5 seconds.

Handicap Hack Race, 6 furlongs.—Cruiser, 8st 7lb, 1; Eva, 8st 5lb, 2; Snip, 8st 5lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Moree Racing Club Handicap, 1½ mile.—J. Sabine's Bonanza, 8st 1lb, 1; E. Ball's Othmar, 7st 8lb, 2; W. Hoolahan's Breadalbane, 8st, 3. Time, 2 minutes 11 seconds.

Borough Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Napoleon, 7st 9lb, 1; Liberty, 8st, 2; Truth, 9st 9lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

Tyreel Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Oban, 9st 12lb, 1; Lady Asthore, 8st 2lb, 2; B. K., 8st 2lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 31 seconds.

Forced Handicap.—Minimbos, 7st, 1; Urial, 7st, 2; Othmar, 9st, 3. Time, 1 minute 50 seconds.

CYCLING.

CYCLISTS' UNION.

AN EXCITED MEETING.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Cyclists' Union was held last night at Quong Tart's rooms. Mr. J. Martin occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The report showed that the members' roll now numbered 646, being the highest number yet reached by the union since its existence. Among the many clubs now affiliated to the union is the Sydney Ladies' Club. Referring to the street-watering question, the report said "the deputation to the Mayor was well received, and much benefit to cyclists had resulted from the agitation." After the motion had been made for the adoption of the report, Dr. Hodgson said he had an amendment to move on the street-watering question. Dr. Hodgson said the streets were in a disgraceful condition. Every cyclist's life was in danger. He was one of the deputation to the Mayor, and to say that the deputation was well received was incorrect. The deputation was received with scant courtesy. The late Mayor may have done a little good, but Mayor Harris was making things worse than ever, and the streets were dangerous. The deputation had decided to wait on the Railway Commissioners, but nothing was done. There was another way to make aldermen recognise who the union were, and that was to oppose the aldermen when seeking re-election. He moved as an amendment,—"That the streets are still very frequently in a dangerous condition for cycling." Several members spoke on the matter, and the amendment was lost. Mr. James Martin moved, as an addition to the report,—"That the members of the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union regret the action of the executive in granting sanction to a union race being run at a League of Wheelmen Carnival on March 26, and requests future councils and officers to refuse permission to our members to race at any meetings controlled by the League of Wheelmen or any cycling body who offer or compete for cash prizes." Mr. Martin said he took exception to that part of the report which said that sanction had been given for an amateur race at the league's meeting last Saturday. He said that this was the proper place to discuss the matter. The sanction struck at the root of amateurism. He had no grievance against the league; let them race for cash; they had a perfect right to do so. For 15 years they had fought the fight of amateurism, and now they had allowed the wedge to come in. Where they satisfied with Saturday's races? (Cries of "Yes.") Well, he was sorry to hear it; he was disgusted with it, and he felt pained that the union was associated with it. The union had grown. Let them look at the increase of members. Why should they go cap in hand to another institution for races and play second fiddle? The National Cyclists' Union of England will look down on them. After degrading the union by the sanction given they cannot go back. Had they gone on as they were going they would soon control the whole of cycling. He felt pained and humiliated.

Mr. Clark said that he was surprised at what had fallen from Mr. Martin. The League of American Wheelmen ran races for both bodies, and so did the National Cyclists' Union. The union had governed last Saturday's race, and the league's officials had nothing whatever to do with the race.

Mr. Heighway said that Mr. Martin was not correct in saying that the Cyclists' Union in England would look down on them. Why, if their representative, Goodson, had won the championship while in England he would have been compelled to race the professional for the championship of the world, and that was against the rules of their union.

The matter caused considerable excitement. Messrs. S. Clark, S. Wyatt, and others spoke, and at 10 o'clock Dr. Hodgson moved, "That the question be now put." A division was called for, with the result that the amendment was carried by 47 to 42. When it was announced there was great excitement, cheers being called for Mr. Martin and also for Mr. Heighway. Cheering and hooting continued for some time after the announcement of the division. The report was then adopted. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £70 13s 2d. The officers for the year were elected as follows:—Patron, his Excellency the Governor; president, Mr. J. Martin; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. W. C. Crane, A. Edwards, W. R. George, and Dr. Gwynne Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. J. C. Heighway; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Spriggs; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. A. Richardson; handicapper, Mr. W. L. Kerr. Mr. George then presented the gold medals for the following championships:—One mile: C. H. New, 1; F. A. Clark, 2. Five miles: G. C. Hamilton, 1; J. J. Daley, 2. Club championship, Redfern Club: C. H. New, F. A. Clark, O. H. Bell. Records issued to W. L. Kerr and A. J. Longmuir.

THE LEAGUE'S CARNIVAL.

The League of Wheelmen's Autumn Carnival will be brought to a conclusion on Saturday next at the Agricultural Ground. The first race will start promptly at 2.30 p.m. The programme is just as attractive as last Saturday's, and all the champions will be competing. The race secretary has decided to sell 50 tickets admitting the bearers to the official stand, which is situated inside the enclosure and right opposite the winning-post. Competitors at the carnival can receive their tickets of admission upon application to the secretary at the clubrooms.

HANDICAPS FOR THE MULTICYCLE RACE.

The handicaps for the Multicycle Race, which is to be run on Saturday over a distance of three miles were declared yesterday as follows:—

Quad. (R. Mutton, W. Davison, D. Harvison, and R. Wedd), scratch; quad. (H. Hourigan, H. Shepherd, A. Ryan, and E. Gerster), scratch; quad. (W. March, W. Lewis, J. Morrison, L. Congdon), 20 yards; triplet (J. Megson, E. Payne, and F. Bemfrey), 65; triplet (A. Browne, W. Weily, and L. Hesse), 75; tandem (R. Walne and T. Relph), 90; tandem (J. Green and E. Ainsworth), 90; triplet (J. Fitzgerald, J. Cochrane, and J. Krown), 100; Tandem (F. Hunt and A. C. Forbes), 100; tandem (A. Clinton and L. M. Jackson), 130; tandem (W. Elliott and J. Crowell), 140; tandem (L. Corbett and P. Corbett), 150; triplet (C. Miller, F. G. Simpson, and J. Browne), 200; tandem (E. Casbolt and A. O'Brien), 250; tandem (E. Adrian and W. Gahagan), 260; triplet (J. Cliffe, A. Boyd, and H. S. Tucker), 300; triplet (V. Doyle, F. Drinkwater, and R. Wayne), 300; tandem (G. Campbell and C. Lynch), 330.

THE HEATS FOR THE HAMPDEN WHEEL RACE.

The draw for the Hampden Wheel Race, which carries the largest prize of the meeting, is as follows:—

First heat: R. Walne, scratch; A. J. Body, 10 yards; M. Porta, 30; J. Parsons, 35; A. Clinton, 55; T. Relph, 70; W. March, 90; A. O'Brien, 110; A. Berry, 130; D. Harvison, 140; W. Symonds, 150; L. Corbett, 170; A. Brook, 185; L. Hesse, 190; F. King, 220; F. Benfrey, 230; F. Hynes, 235; W. Ternen, 240; J. Close, 240; A. Strickland, 250; H. S. Tucker, 250; W. Dunn, 260. Second heat: J. Green, 10 yards; L. Barker, 30; J. Megson, 40; A. C. Forbes, 55; E. Payne, 60; A. Chapman, 60; R. Mutton, 105; F. G. Simpson, 120; J. Krown, 130; P. Corbett, 135; H. Sargeant, 145; G. Campbell, 170; T. J. Reid, 190; J. Holloway, 190; Syd. Fallick, 200; H. Shepperd, 220; A. Boyd, 230; H. Shields, 235; J. Cliffe, 235; W. Elliott, 240; T. Cartwright, 250; W. Gahagan, 250; G. Porter, 250. Third heat: J. Carpenter, 55; W. Elliott, 60; L. Jackson, 60; F. Hunt, 60; E. H. Ainsworth, 60; E. Casbolt, 90; J. Browne, 120; J. Cochrane, 135; L. Sharp, 150; A. Weily, 180; A. Railton, 190; W. Sinclair, 190; J. Bradbury, 200; A. Green, 225; G. Davidson, 230; H. Knight, 235; L. Smith, 240; A. Denny, 245; L. M'Innes, 250; J. Breen, 255; L. Raphael, 265; J. Stuart, 280; T. Barkell, 380; J. Buck, 400. Fourth heat: F. Beauchamp, 80 yards; E. Lewis, 80; G. Meadham, 85; Alf. Brown, 105; O. de Liesa, 110; H. Hourigan, 125; F. E. Shaw, 135; G. Prince, 150; J. Farrell, 155; R. Adrian, 170; J. Crowell, 185; W. Aulsebrook, 190; S. Williamson, 200; V. Doyle, 210; W. Forman, 220; J. Hendley, 230; H. Fulton, 235; W. Matterson, 240; A. Coles, 245; A. Olive, 250; L. Bennetts, 255; F. Rundle, 275. Fifth heat: J. Fitzgerald, 80 yards; C. Miller, 90; L. Morrison, 110; W. Davison, 110; E. Gerster, 120; L. Congdon, 130; F. Prowse, 140; H. Harris, 150; R. V. Bohrdt, 170; Alf. Browne, 170; A. Ryan, 190; C. Lynch, 200; W. Lamsdaine, 210; T. Amies, 215; R. Wayne, 220; T. Whitehead, 230; J. Munro, 230; H. Clarke, 240; R. Elwin, 240; W. Lewis, 250; T. O'Shaughnessy, 250; F. Drinkwater, 255; Stan. Fallick, 270; W. Johnson, 270; W. Lyons, 275; A. Huxtable, 280; A. Normoyle, 280.

YACHTING.

INTERCOLONIAL YACHT RACE.

METEOR v. BRONZEWING.

The first of a series of three races—or probably only two—between the Auckland yacht Meteor, rating 3·8, and owned by Mr. A. T. Pittar, of Auckland, N.Z., and the Bronzewing, rating 3, owned by Mr. H. M. Cockshott, of Sydney, was sailed yesterday over the following course, a distance of 17½ miles, viz.:—From a flying start at 2 p.m. from a line between the starter's boat and a buoy in Neutral Bay, down to and round the squadron buoy at Manly, round Shark Island and Fort Denison, round the Lightship and Sow and Pigs, thence round Shark Island, and back to the finish between the flagboat and the southern end of Fort Denison. The rating allowance conceded by the Meteor to Bronzewing was 3 minutes 56 seconds. Intercolonial racing amongst the yachting fleet has been of rare occurrence—excepting Bronzewing's recent visit to Victoria—for some time past. A few years back we had representing N.S.W. such yachts as Era and Volunteer pitted against the yachts of Hobson's Bay, &c., and their names are no doubt remembered, perhaps with regret, in the southern capital. Previous to that visit we had the Doris, a five-tonner, owned by Dr. Milford, and sailed by that gentleman early in 188[illegible] against much larger vessels. This little craft also sailed to Melbourne, and won her race somewhat easily. We also were visited by Sir W. J. Clarke's Janet, which came up to compete with our old favourites Magic and Waitangi. New South Wales was again successful. Waitangi originally came from New Zealand, but for some time did not prove herself, until taken in hand by Mr. Walter Reeks, with what result is best known to those who had the pleasure of sailing in her or watching her beat the fastest of the first-class yachts at that time.

THE RACE.

Both yachts came to the scratch looking as fit for the fray as possible. An extra pull on halyards, &c., was given just before starting, and at 2 p.m. the flag was dropped to a good start, Bronzewing having slightly the best of it. At this time there was not sufficient wind to give them little better than steerage way. What draught there was came from the west. Meteor ran her spinnaker aloft and covered her rival, but was unable to get away from her. In this position they headed down stream, the tide being ebb, and under its influence and the light air they made Bradley's Head. Meteor at this place had a couple of lengths to the good. It was then past 3 o'clock, and only a little over a mile had been sailed. Shortly after the breeze could be seen making from the northeast. Balloon jibs and spinnakers had been set and taken in more than once by each craft prior to this, but as the wind neared them sheets were hauled aft, and as the yachts began to forge ahead. Off the reef off Bradley's Bronzewing stood round, but only carried on for a cable's length, when she came about again and caught the Meteor on the wrong tack. The latter at once threw round, and both sailed along for a few fathoms, when the Meteor gradually drew away, sailing very lively. From Chowder Head the Meteor stood to midstream, and getting the wind more to the eastward came on the starboard tack, working her course. Bronzewing went further towards the eastern shore before following suit, but was then fully a quarter of a mile astern. After crossing the Heads Meteor's balloon jib was set. Bronzewing set her reaching jib, but was slowly but surely falling astern, and was 3 minutes 26 seconds astern at Manly, the times at the buoy being—Meteor at 4h. 2m. 15s., Bronzewing at 4h. 5m. 41s. The same kite was carried by Meteor, the Bronzewing adding a similar sail after rounding. Meteor steadily drew away, and had added 1 minute ... seconds while on the lead to Shark Island, where the times at the jibe were:—Meteor at 4h. 42m. ...s., and Bronzewing at 4h. 47m. 47s. Spinnakers were set for the run to Fort Denison. Over this portion of the course Bronzewing pulled up slightly, having gained 40 seconds as they hauled their wind for the fort, the times being—Meteor at 5h. ...m. 24s.; Bronzewing at 5h. 0m. 51s. Beating down to the lightship Meteor drew away again, the wind lightening somewhat before reaching the rounding mark, where the times were—Meteor at 5h. 55m., and Bronzewing at 6h. ...m. Balloon jibs were in evidence for the lead to Shark Island, where Meteor jibed at 6h. 21m. 40s., and Bronzewing following at 6h. 31m. 43s. All available canvas was set for the lead to the finish, and the flagboat was passed as follows by the Meteor 6h. 46m. 58s., and Bronzewing at 6h. 59m. ...s. Thus, after deducting rating allowance, the Meteor wins with 7 minutes 30 seconds to spare, and was well handled by Mr. T. ... Mr. Walter Reeks was in charge of Bronzewing. Several steamers and launches, besides numerous sailing crafts, were cruising about, amongst them being the steam yacht Bronzewing (Mr. S. Hordern) with a number of members of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club on board. The squadron steamer Wyong, followed the race with Mr. J. A. Nan... in charge. Mr. S. T. Wilson, the hon. secretary, was at the wheel of the Beatrice, carrying out the duty of judge, &c. The steamer Swansea conveyed a number of the members of the Johnstone's Bay and Sydney Flying Squadron clubs.

The second of the series of races will take place to-morrow afternoon over the same course.

LAWN TENNIS.

The New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association will hold its annual meeting at Aarons' Exchange Hotel at 7.45 to-night (Thursday), when the annual report will be presented and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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The barque Earl of Granville, now 126 days out from Savanah, has on board 3100 barrels resin for Sydney.

Captain Chatfield reports that the Moonwai left Wellington March 26 at 11.12 p.m., had Farewell Spit Lighthouse abeam 27th at 8.50 a.m., at 10.50 a.m. same date [illegible] the barque Highland Forest, of Glasgow, bound from [illegible] bane to London. Arrived Sydney March [illegible]. Experienced moderate S.W. wind and light S.E. to [illegible] well Spit, thence fresh easterly and N.E. wind, [illegible] weather to arrival.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The Stuttgart, from Bremen March 9, left Suez on Monday afternoon, the 28th instant, for Australian ports.

The R.M.S. Australia will come in this morning to berth at the P. and O. wharf.

The Duke of Argyll left Colombo on the 27th for [illegible]

THE TYSER LINE.

The Indramayo, which arrived here on the [illegible] instant from London, has received capital despatch. The vessel, having discharged her Sydney cargo, [illegible] away at noon to-day for Auckland.

THE HAUROTO, FROM THE ISLANDS.

The U.S.S. Company's Hauroto, George [illegible] master, arrived at Newcastle at noon March [illegible] from Auckland, via Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji. She left Auckland [illegible] p.m. 9th instant, called at Bay of Islands for mail [illegible], arrived at Nukualofa 2.15 p.m. 14th, sailed again [illegible] 15th, called at Haabai 16th, arrived at Vavau [illegible] day, left at daylight 18th, and reached Apia [illegible] 19th. Took her departure at 5 p.m. 20th, arrived in Suva 9.30 p.m. 22nd, left at noon 23rd, arrived [illegible] p.m. same day, sailed again at 5 p.m. 24th, and arrived at Newcastle as stated above. Fine weather was experienced throughout.

The following are passengers by the steamer:—[illegible] James Stewart, C.M.G., Mrs. Stewart and infant, [illegible] Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Harland, [illegible] Maughand and Robbie, Misses M'Lean, Thompson [illegible] Morgan, Captain Calder, Dr. Roberts, Rev. E. E. [illegible] Messrs. E. Kottmann, R. Wenzel, A. Hether, A. [illegible] neil, P. R. Whysall, Arthur Elliott, James [illegible] Jones, and 1 Indian.

THE SALVAGE OF THE FORTUNA.

The successful work carried out at the Fortuna in [illegible] that vessel so promptly, says Mr. Ellison, the owner, was largely due to the ability displayed by the diver [illegible] in connection with the undertaking, Mr. Thomas J. [illegible] ner. The pumps of steamers Swansea, Dido, Alpha, and Florrie Ellison, and Bellona were employed. The method used was by securing watertight canvas sewn together round the vessel from the metal reaching up above the surface of the water, whereby this huge canvas bag enclosing the ship acted as a watertight dam. The operation of pumping started about 3 p.m. on the 28th, and by [illegible] a.m. on the 29th the vessel was beached in Waterview [illegible]

REMOVALS.

The Ione, barque, has moved from Pyrmont to Grafton Wharf.

The steamer Aberdeen is at Kirribilli loading [illegible] ment for London.

The Chittoor berths to-day at Moore's Wharf to load for the Solomon Islands.

The Dewdrop and Ocean Rover move to Moore's Wharf to-morrow.

We are requested to state that the degree conferred upon the Rev. J. S. Laing by the University of St. Andrew was that of Doctor of Divinity.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was quiet, with very little movement in prices. A sale of New South Wales 4 per cent. funded stock was effected at 109¼, being ½ less than the last quoted price. Australian Joint Stock Bank shares were offered at 5s. Commercial Bank of Sydney and Bank of New South Wales shares had attention at previous quotations. For Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits 3d extra was offered, the B deposits also being rather stronger. Steam were neglected, as were also insurance, United having a buyer at 80s. Grafton Gaslight advanced 3d. Breweries continued steady, the only business transpiring being in Marshall's at 3s 3½d—an advance of ½d. Miscellaneous were unchanged, Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, having a buyer for 5s shares at 5s 3d; Excelsior Land offering at 10s.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—Early sales: New South Wales funded stock (Act of 1892), 109¼; Commercial Bank of Sydney, 23½; Bank of New South Wales, 35½. At 1 o'clock: Bank of New South Wales, 35¾; Commercial Bank of Sydney, 23½; Marshall's Brewery, 3s 3½d; Shale and Oil, 2s 9d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1892	2,423,830	...	...	4	109¼	109	111
Ditto Act, 1873	530,180	...	...	4	125	...	...
Ditto, due 1924	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Ditto, due 1925	...	...	...	3	100	99	...
Ditto Deb., 1902	390,300	...	...	5	107	105	...
Ditto Deb., 1901	...	...	...	...	107½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1903	...	...	...	...	108½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1900	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
N.Z. Deb., 1912	300,000	...	...	4	106	105	...
Q'land Deb. 1913	...	...	...	4	108	107	...
Colonial Sugar—Deb., 1914	...	...	...	5	112	110	...
BANKS.							
Australian J.S.	1,167,207	10	7½	...	6/	...	5/
City	240,000	10	8	4	70	69	...
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	65/	65/	70/
Com. of Aus. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	70	...	...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	23½	23	23¼
N.S. Wales	1,960,000	20	20	9	35¾	35½	35¾
Bl. Queensland	412,500	9	5¼	2½	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	26¾	...	26¾
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	5	14/3	14/3	14/6
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/	12/	12/6
Ditto, Inscribed	391,141	...	...	3½	10/6	10/9	...
Com. of Aus. A series, 1898	...	...	...	3	18/	17/3	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...
E.S. & A. series	...	...	...	4	15/	15/	...
Ditto Termi'ble	500,000	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	...
Ditto Debentrs.	969,575	...	...	4	17/3	16/9	17/4½
Insc., pref.	943,997	...	...	3	...	14/6	...
Ditto, def.	940,921	...	...	3	...	13/	...
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	...	4½	13/7½	...	...
Queensland Nat. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
STEAM.							
Illawarra	58,098	5	3½	8½	6	5¾	6½
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	5	17/	...	17/6
North Coast	121,742	1	17/6	8	18/6	18/	18/6
N.S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	51/	50/6	51/6
Port Jackson	25,000	50/	25/	...	29/6	29/	31/6
Ditto Co-op'tive Deb. Shares	...	...	1	...	17/	15/	18/
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	23/6	23/	24/6
Mer. Mut.	26,250	1	3/9	15½	9/10½	9/9	10/3
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	11¼	...	...	70/
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	84/	80/	84/
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	12½	...	17/6	20/
GAS.							
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	...	14/	17/
Australian	681,798	6	6	9/	17/5/6	17½	17¾
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	40/	38/	...
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	25	24/3	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	24/3	...
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	...	12	13/6
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	5	18/9	...	18/9
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	12½	5¼	5¼	5½
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	26/9	26/6	...
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10	6	13/9	13/6	15/
BREWERIES.							
Albury	21,000	1	10	5	...	6/	8/
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	10/	...	9/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	5	16/	15/9	16
Marshall's	29,701	10	5/	6	3/3½	3/2	3/4
Perkins's	58,323	15	15	10	...	24/	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	25/	24/9	25/3
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons'	17,500	15	10	5	2/9	...	...
Australian Newspaper	40,000	1	1	8	28/	28/	...
B.H.W. Supply	186,500	1	1	10	19/11	20/	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	25/	25/6	26/6
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	6	6/	5/3	...
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	29	28¾	29
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5	...	...
Emu Bay R'lway	100,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Ditto	150,000	1	10/	...	...	6/	...
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	2½	...	...	...
Fresh F'd & Ice	137,448	1	18/	8	20/3	...	...
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	50,000	1	1	8	...	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...
Melbourne T'me	400,000	1	10/	5	12/3	...	...
Mont de Piete	70,402	1	1	10	35/6	35/6	37/6
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/2	2	2/3
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	4	7/6	7/6	8/
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	3	7/6	7/3	8/
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15	...	2/9	2/6	2/11
Silv. Tram	137,800	1	1	40	90/	88/	90/
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14	...
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10/	10	24/3	...	...
Vol. L. Orders	...	...	...	...	...	100	130
Syd. Free. and Inv.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8/6
LAND & BUILD.							
Haymark't Dep.	...	...	13/	...	...	...	...
Fed. Build Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	12/	...
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6	...	...	...
Intercolonial	31,000	1	15	10	12/6	11/6	13/
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/1	...	10/
Syd. & Sub. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The Equitable Permanent Building Society will to-morrow (Thursday) pay a half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent., making with the interim dividend a total of 9 per cent. for the year, the amount paid for some years past.

The abundance of money in this colony is shown by the difficulty to get safe investment for it at 3 per cent. The Savings Bank of New South Wales having refused to allow even 3 per cent. on larger sums than £1000, the trustees of friendly societies have interviewed the Premier, with a view to the investment of about £256,000 of their funds in Government security at that rate. Since this amount really represents a multitude of small sums of less than £200 each on which the Government in its Savings Bank allows 3 per cent., there is a good claim for the allowance. If it is good to encourage thrift by giving 3 per cent. on sums of £200, the argument is strengthened for giving a like amount on still smaller savings. Were the trustees' deposits split up into thousands and lodged in the savings banks, the 3 per cent. rate would be secured at additional cost to the Savings Bank. But as the institution is saved the expense of booking all these small sums by the trustees making a few deposits only, there can really be no violation of the principle on which the savings banks are founded, if some method be devised, whether in trust or otherwise by the Government, to give the full rate on these larger deposits. It would simply be a modification really in the interests of the Government as well as of the small contributories, through the intermediary of the friendly societies. Perhaps it would be satisfactory if Savings Bank depositors generally would make their investments in the form of bonds, such as Rentes. But trustees of friendly societies who have to account to those from whom they receive their money for the full amount of the principal cannot afford to accept bonds which have a fluctuating value.

The hope of securing a loan at 3 per cent. at par by the Adelaide Council may be taken at once as evidence of the abundance of money in South Australia and the good credit of the city corporation. English municipal councils for some years past have been freely borrowing at from 2½ to 3 per cent.; but this will be the first time that any Australian municipal body has attempted to float a loan at so low a rate. The City of Sydney loan of £75,000 at 3½ per cent. represents the record. That, it is noteworthy, was raised in the colony, the English loans of our City Council having been negotiated at from 4 per cent.

The Austral left to-day for London with gold bullion to the value of £46,102, shipped by the Bank of New South Wales, silver bullion valued at £2675, shipped by the Royal Mint, and silver and doré bullion, worth £10,488, by the Queensland Smelting Company.

Recent cable messages have informed us that some underwriters are now imposing war risks. One dated March 25 stated that Lloyd's underwriters were quoting 5s per cent. on vessels from Manila to London; and another message of yesterday's date gives a general war rate by some of the English companies of 5s per cent. So far as we have heard, no movement has yet been made in Sydney. In such cases the premiums adopted by Lloyd's are those which determine the policy of this port. New South Wales coal is shipped to Manila, though commonly it is understood the shipment is arranged from England, where probably any insurances would be affected. To what extent the produce is covered by war risk we have no evidence. But locally leading underwriters do not seem to have thought it necessary to take any action united or otherwise.

The resumption of the local wool sales to-day, after an interval of three weeks, took place in the presence of a large number of buyers. Competition was brisk, and greasy merino was ½d and scoured merino ½d dearer. Practically everything was disposed of out of the catalogues, which embraced 2242 bales, and other wool sold brought up the total business reported to 3895 bales. We are informed that the Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Limited, have sold, privately, the north Cherindi crossbred clip, belonging to Mr. T. P. Willsallen, of Gunible, Gunnedah, at a satisfactory price, based on 7d for fleece.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended March 26 amounted to £362,861, as compared with £170,187 in the corresponding week of 1897. The value of the week's exports amounted to £182,007, against £359,363 in the like period of 1897. Since the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.
IMPORTS.			
Merchandise	£3,794,021	£3,433,259	Dec. £360,762
Gold	413,309	662,518	Inc. 249,209
Total	£4,207,330	£4,095,777	Dec. £111,553
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£3,203,197	£2,962,657	Dec. £240,540
Gold	901,261	1,304,167	Inc. 402,906
Total	£4,104,458	£4,266,824	Inc. £162,366

The figures show decreases of both imports and exports of merchandise, and increases of gold. Of wool, the export was valued at £1,806,953.

IMPORT MARKET.

The month is closing very quietly as far as wholesale transactions are concerned, but there was to-day the usual large assortment of distributing orders awaiting to be fulfilled on account of next month. Breadstuffs moved off but quietly, no change occurring. In tea a fair business was reported both publicly and privately. Groceries, sugar, dried fruits, and Eastern produce met with a steady country demand, with a fair sprinkling of suburban orders. Liquors met with rather more attention, some rather heavy parcels changing hands at usual rates. Hardware met with a rather restricted demand, fencing wire showing a further upward tendency. In oils, chemicals, and jute goods trade was more or less stagnant.

Breadstuffs.—Prices were still quoted at up to 4s for prime samples, and from 3s 7d upwards for anything pinched. Flour sold at £9 17s 6d to £10 10s, according to quality.

The exports of wheat during the week ending 23rd instant have been as follows:—

	Bags.
India, 23rd, for Marseilles	2,890
Cintra, 22nd, for Western Australia	97
Waroonga, 23rd, for Western Australia	138
Mararoa, 23rd, for New Zealand	970
	3,225

The shipments of flour during the same period were:—

	Bags.	½ bags.	¼ bags.
Barrabool, 22nd, Queensland	300	180	220
Tyrian, 22nd, Queensland	1,000	40	265
Katoomba, 25th, Queensland	321	40	40
Cintra, 22nd, W. Australia	190	100	74
Wodonga, 22nd, Queensland	1,030	10	204
Waroonga, 26th, W. Australia	730	—	60
Yeabel, 25th, S.S. Islands	241	—	—
Colac, 23rd, Queensland	270	—	80
	4,132	370	1,039

Up to date the shipments have been as under:—

	Wheat, bags.	Flour bags.
Previously in 1898	55,903	54,501
Week ending March	3,225	4,629
	59,128	59,130

The total exports from Melbourne since the beginning of the year have been as follows:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Victoria	3,211	12,800
New South Wales	32,744	1,935
Totals	35,955	14,795

The exports of Victorian wheat and flour are equal to 77,947 bushels wheat.

Tea.—Privately several good-sized parcels of both Indian and Ceylon teas changed hands at recent market rates.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. offered a catalogue of 391 Ceylons and 186 Indians on account of Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co., to close accounts. The sale was rather flat, buyers' wants having been well supplied previously. About half the catalogue of Ceylons was cleared at current rates. The Indians met with no favour, and they were passed in, no business being done. 119 chests of pekoes sold at 5¼d to 6½d, 13 pekoe souchongs at 5¼d, and 108 broken pekoes at 7d to 7½d.

At a recent meeting of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce a letter was read from the Secretary for Trade and Customs in reference to the recent complaint made on behalf of the Foochow Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the Customs Department stopping and condemning teas from Foochow as unfit for human consumption which were considered to be sweet and sound. The letter intimated that although the object of the act was to protect the consumer there was no desire to unduly hamper importers, as the department had nothing to gain by unnecessarily stopping tea sent to this port. It was ultimately decided to forward a copy of the letter received from the department to the Foochow Chamber of Commerce.

Groceries.—A fairly active distributing trade was carried through at late rates throughout. None of the leading lines exhibited any alterations. The local manufacturers of candles have raised their prices ½d per lb.

Liquors.—Hennessy's brandy was still quoted at 35s 9d and 46s for one and three star respectively. In the aggregate 30 quarter-casks of D'Orville's brandy changed hands. Bisquit's flasks and half-flasks were also in request. Key gin remained at 10s 6d upwards. Vickers's dry gin also met with a good trade demand. Twiss and Browning's rum was in request, Lowndes's being still quoted at from 2s 7½d to 2s 8d. 100 cases of Usher's SR whisky moved off at quotations. Good business transpired in Robertson's in bulk and EFO. About 100 hogsheads of Revolver ale changed hands on spot, half-barrels being booked to land and to arrive. Blood Wolfe stout moved off well, 100 cases going in one line. Twenty-three quarter-casks of Sandeman's ports and sherries, chiefly the former, sold in one line. Heidsieck champagne was in keen request.

Hardware.—Fencing wire ruled very firm at £8 15s for No. 10 on spot and £8 12s 6d to arrive. No. 8 was rather quiet at £8 5s on spot. Barbed wire remained at £10 15s for lines.

Oils.—All oils were dull, kerosene being especially so.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3818. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1278; wine, £57; ale, porter, and beer, £140; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1141; opium, £245; dried and candied fruits, £122; harbour and light rates, £49; colonial distilled spirits, £56; excise on beer, £665. Total, £3818.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, February 25.

Trade at this centre is very quiet, practically nothing doing in colonial wools. During the week there have been two days low wool auctions, chiefly Persian products. The sales brought together the attendance usual at such sales. Competition was fairly good, and a good deal was taken for German account, whilst France took next to nothing. Prices compared with previous auctions were about ½d per lb. down. On this basis a fair amount changed hands.

There still continues a very hopeful feeling regarding the opening of the second series of colonial wool auctions next month. The better demand for merino sorts, with the fear that the year will witness a considerable falling-off in the supplies of this article, help to buoy up the hopes of holders.

Some 225,000 bales of new arrivals are to hand.

It is anticipated that at the next auctions prices for merino sort and fine crossbreds will be very firm. Some American competition is also expected, unless political complications with Spain should turn out for the worse, which would mean war between the two countries mentioned.

Trade in the provinces does not go with that swing that could be desired.

Holders of wool and tops are still unwilling to give way, and evince great firmness in their quotations. Spinners, on the contrary, are indisposed to move far or rapidly, and confine their operations to purchases absolutely to cover immediate wants. They can get no encouragement from the yarn market to induce any other way of action, they firmly resist the demands made by staplers and top makers to move upward. English wools hold a less favourable position, and the demand is very slow. Yarn export merchants are very discouraged, there being no improvement, and business is confined to the smallest quantities of a miscellaneous description. Prices show no better results.

The home department is less active than of late, and generally the position is unsatisfactory, while nothing seems to indicate anything better in the near future. How far the position of this industry will ultimately affect the values of raw material remains to be seen.

The mildness of the weather still continues to affect seriously the clothing trades; spring goods are moving slowly, but fears are general that the spring may be severe, and thus check the sale of lighter fabrics.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 29.

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

The quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is estimated at 3,110,000 quarters, as against 3,520,000 last week. The quantity afloat for the Continent is estimated at 1,650,000 quarters, as against 1,580,000 quarters last week.

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, 1 lower at 52.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ higher at 38½.

Union Bank of Australia, ½ lower at 27½.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 2.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, unchanged at 103.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien debenture stock, 96.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 108.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, 1½ lower at 105.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 113.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 109.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

There is nothing doing in local breadstuffs, and prices are nominal as follows:—Wheat, 4s to 4s 4½d at Port Adelaide, 4s 4d at the outports. Flour, £10 15s to £11; bran, 1s; pollard, 1s 2d; oats, New Zealand, from 3s 6d to 3s 9d; Victorian, white, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; Algerian, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; dun, 2s to 2s 3d; chaff, £2 15s to £3 per short ton for parcels, and £3 5s retail.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat is firm at 4s 1d to 4s 1½d; small lots are selling readily at 4s 1d. Bran, 9½d to 10d. A fair business is done in good barley at 5s 2d to 5s 3d; medium, down to 4s; good Cape barley, 2s 6d to 2s 9d. A fair business was done in Algerian oats. Fair to good feed, 1s 6d to 1s 7½d; milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; maize, 2s 9d; chaff, £2 17s 6d to £3. Sydney potatoes, £7 10s to £7 12s 6d, duty paid; onions, £5 5s to £5 10s. Ten tons yellow sugar sold at £20 10s. Sales of tea cover 100 packages Indian up to 7d; 300 packages Ceylon, 6d to 8½d; bicarbonate soda, £9 15s. Fifty drums castor oil sold for export. Fencing wire is brisk up to £8 10s.

There is little change in the quotations of investment stocks. Sales: Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cent. (1927), £103 12s 6d; E. and S. combined inscribed stock, 13s 10½d; Commercial Bank preference shares, 73s, 73s 6d; National preference shares, £11 2s; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 11s 7½d; Silverton Tramway, 89s; Hydraulic Power, 21s.

PRODUCE INWARD.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Oonah left last night for Sydney with 6949 cases and 4239 half-cases fruit, 645 bags bark, 54 bales 109 cases hops, 5 bales wool, 13 bales skins, 100 cases jam, and 10,261ft. timber.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Leura sailed for Sydney with 325 bags oats, 500 sacks flour, 175 bags onions, 484 bags wheat, 597 cases fruit, 13 bags rye, 187 packages tea, 23 packages dairy produce.

The Franklin sailed to-day for Sydney with 5 cases currants, 100 bags oats, 2 sacks oatmeal, 3 boxes dried fruits, 19 packages tea, and 113 cases fruit.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Kallatina sailed at noon for Sydney, with 1130 bags maize, 4 bags beans, 1 bag pumpkins, 1 bale skins, 25 bunches bananas, 117 cases eggs, 12 cases fish, 520 cases butter, 6 crates bacon, 2 bags 1 case game, 85 casks tallow, 16 coops poultry, 729 hides, 20 pigs, 7 cans cream, and a quantity of sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

The report of the Cambewarra Dairy Company for the half-year ended 28th February, states that during that period 109,593gal. of milk were treated, the product being 36,069lb. of butter fat. Suppliers were paid an average of 8·23d per lb., equal to 2½d per gallon for the milk. The bank overdraft was reduced to £594 0s 3d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

No improvement occurred in business, which continued extremely quiet in nearly all departments. The demand at auction was again slack. Prices, however, showed very little alteration from those obtained on the previous day. The market for maize ruled decidedly firmer, primest being worth 2s 6d. Buyers were not inclined to operate at the improved rates, the end of the month no doubt being responsible. Very little prime dry maize was obtainable. Other feed-grain lines were more or less neglected. Bran and pollard remained quiet and unchanged. Nothing of importance transpired in forage, the demand being slow, and prices unaltered. Circular Head potatoes were a trifle easier. Local tubers moved steadily at auction at firm prices. Onions had a moderate amount of attention. Business in dairy produce was rather quiet in all lines. Prices, however, remained without any appreciable alteration.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry new maize, nominally 2s 6d per bushel.

Oats.—New Zealand best feed, 2s 8d; other qualities, up to 2s 4d; Tartarian seed, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; local feed oats, 1s 11d to 2s 3d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape barley, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; English prime, nominal.

Peas.—Blue, prime, 4s 9d; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; other sorts, 2s 6d to 2s 8d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Leading roller brands, new £10 to £10 10s; wheat, 4s to 4s 1d for prime samples.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £3 15s to £4 5s; medium, £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d; chaffing sorts, £2 15s to £3 per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Medium quoted £3 5s; prime, £3 10s to £3 15s. Local: Ordinary prime, £3 10s to £3 15s; extra green, £4 to £4 5s; medium samples, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, to £2; extra prime, £2 10s; imported, £2; local bundled, £1 15s to £2 per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. £1 5s to £1 17s 6d; prime, £2 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 10d; factory, 9d to 9½d. South Coast quote choice creamery 10d, Berry Creamery 10d, Foley Brothers quote best creamery 10d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Mild-cured, 7½d; hand-cured prime, 7d to 7½d; second-class, 6½d to 7d; farmers' 6d to 6½d; middles, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 7½d; flitches 7d; middles, 8½d; Barnes's "B in circle," 7½d; M'Lean's bacon, 7½d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; very choice, 9d; New Zealand, Queensland, and mild cured, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Eggs.—North 13d, South 14d to 15d per dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf 5d, choice brands 5½d; Cheddar, 5d to 5½d; large, 4d to 5d; Bodalla, 5½d; New Zealand, large 4d, medium 4½d; loaf, 5d per lb.

Poultry.—Fair demand. Fowls, 2s to 3s; prime 3s 6d; extra choice, 3s 9d; ducks, 2s to 3s; choice, 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; geese, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; turkeys, cocks 6s to 10s, hens 4s to 5s per pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in quiet demand at quotations. Bran was quoted at 7½d, and pollard 7½d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Plentiful. Tasmanian Circulars, £6 15s. Local: Prime, £5 10s to £5 15s; medium, £5 to £5 5s per ton.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Good supply. Good demand. Firewood, good 10s to 11s 6d; rough, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; bundles, good, 10s to 10s 6d; inferior, 6s to 8s; billet, good, 8s to 9s; inferior, 7s to 8s; bakers' split, good, 8s to 9s; large green, 7s to 8s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Prime New Zealand, £6 10s; Portarlington, £6; pickling varieties, £4 10s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk, 4½d to 4d per lb.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Terminus Produce markets this morning a good supply of produce was submitted at auction. The demand continued slow at prices much the same as those ruling on the previous day. Ordinary prime chaff made 3s 6d to 3s 10d, and medium 3s 1d to 3s 4d per cwt. Prime oaten hay sold at 4s to 4s 5d, medium at 3s 5d to 3s 8d, and inferior at 2s 6d per cwt. Straw in derrick-pressed bales moved slowly at 1s 6d to 1s 10d per cwt. Ordinary prime lucerne in large bales brought 2s 3d, medium samples being placed at 1s 8d to 1s 9d per cwt. Prime potatoes were in steady request at 5s 6d to 5s 8d, and good medium sorts at 5s to 5s 3d per cwt. Pumpkins realised 9d to 2s 9d per dozen according to size and quality. Both bran and pollard were dull of sale.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 11 trucks; potatoes, 17; hay, 9; maize, 1; straw, 2; bran, 1; pollard, 1; chickwheat, 1; melons, 1; pumpkins, 10; lucerne, 6; oats, 3.

Among the consignees were:—South Coast Company, Messrs. Ellis and Co., John Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., Murphy and Co., R. Hall and Son, Dent and Perry, A. M'Arthur and Co., G. Wells, Robinson, Grimes, and Co., Inglis and Son, Hough Brothers, S. B. Bond, John Campbell, H. M. Sutter and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, and Robert Little and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Ison, Dubbo, (truck No. 10676) 3s 6d; Phillips, Dubbo, (9780) 3s 4d; Mack and Austin, Narromine, (5365) 3s 6d, (8445) 3s 10d; Macaulay, Wallendbeen, (6798) 3s 7d; Mathew Brothers, Boree, (4308 and 5162) 3s 3d; Starr, Gunning, (6804) 3s 1d; Stewart, Old Junee, (2848) passed; Mathews, Brewongle, (132) passed; Marsden, Raglan, (5282) 3s 2d per cwt.

Bran.—From Stratton, Stratton's Siding, (7218) passed.

Pollard.—From Stratton, Stratton's Siding, (5398) passed.

Lucerne.—From Dunstan, Windsor, (56) passed; Laidlow Brothers, Moonbi, (5996) 2s 1d; Williams, East Maitland, (4415) passed; F. Mogg, Mudgee, (9881) 2s 2d; Tracey, Maitland, (6374) 1s 8d; Byrne, (284) 1s 9d per cwt.

Oats.—From Weatherspoon, Glencoe, (3905 and 2350) passed; Martin, Glen Innes, (2706) passed.

Chickwheat.—From Ross, Glen Innes, (6674) passed.

Hay.—From Kable, Newbridge, (5768) 4s 2d; E. Pratley, (5543) passed; Bensley, Camden, (2268) 3s 5d; Leach, Windsor, (5661) 2s 6d; Jesson, Booty Hill, (10070) 3s 8d; Murray, Brewangle, (10141) passed; Lewis, Newbridge, (5067) 4s per cwt.; Ryan, (9228) passed.

Maize.—From Order, Windsor, (5546) passed.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From J. Pratley, Maryvale, (2614) 1s 8d; D. Ley, Dubbo, (10038) 1s 10d per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Dalton, Millthorpe, (684) 5s 7d; M'Farlane, (695) 5s 4d; M'Dermott, Spring Hill, (7241) 5s 6d; Wass, (5750) 5s 3d; Mendham, Newbridge, (2704) 5s 1d; Jones, Orange, (1157) 5s 4d; M'Farlane, (170) passed; Hayes and Lane, (2511) 5s 5d; Hayes, Millthorpe, (9721) 5s 5d; Boulan, (694) 5s 7d; Heaton Bros., Orange, (7412) 5s 6d, (5436) passed; Russell, Black Mountain, (6909) 5s 7d; Colmer, (x19) 5s 7d; N. Johnson, jun., (6441) 5s 8d; Soares, Guyra, (x58) 5s 7d; Mackson, Ben Lomond, (x275) 5s 7d; T. P. and Co., Uralla, (3027) 5s 7d; Towarow, Llangothlin, (4265) 5s 11d; Pratley, Blayney, (1036) 5s 6d; Bell, Black Mountain, (4436) 5s 6d; Cudlow, (32) 5s 7d; M'Lean, (4586) 5s 6d; Chapman, (6836) 5s 6d; O'Leary, Blayney, (4929) 5s 4d; Walsh, (2445) 5s 5d; Lillis, Goulburn, (3725) 5s 6d, (10080) passed; O'Malley, Blayney, (6149) 5s 6d, 5s 4d, and 5s 1d; Marriott, Carcoar, (3668) 5s 4d; Hawke, Orange, (2762) passed, (1397) 5s 7d; Nicholls, Spring Hill, (2024) 5s 4d; Quinlan Brothers, (5850) 5s 6d; Lynn, Glencoe, (6867) 5s 2d; Heney and Duggan, Huntley, (3675) 5s 8d; Martin, Spring Hill, (x376 and 1651) 5s 6d; Toner and Co. (1810), 5s 6d per cwt.

Pumpkins.—From Hamilton, Penrith, (1729) 1s 7d and 2s 7d; E. Cabban, (3000) 2s; Joyce, 1s 7d; J. Field, (6335) 1s 5d; I. Smith, 1s 9d; Rees, (2298) 1s; Tuckfield, 1s; Vine, (7199) 2s; Mitchell, Richmond, (3079) 1s 11d; F. Hough, (3345) 2s 9d; E. J. Pearce, (2129) 1s 8d; C. Wright, Penrith, (3382) 1s 5d and 1s 8d; Collins, Emu Plains, (1957) 9d per dozen.

Preserving Melons.—From Ferry, Richmond, (3079) 1s 3d; Collins, Emu Plains, (1957) 9d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Only a moderate amount of business was done in the fruit trade at the Bathurst-street markets this morning. Plentiful supplies of all kinds of seasonable fruits were under offer. Pears, plums, grapes, and apples were in steady request at quotations. Local lemons were dull of sale at considerably reduced prices. Choice pines ruled trifle dearer. Oranges were also firmer. In other classes of fruit prices underwent very little quotable change.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, green prime, 3s to 4s; coloured, choice, 4s to 5s per gincase; Italian, 9s to 10s per half, 18s to 19s a double case.

Oranges.—Italian, 10s per single and 19s to 20s per double case. Local, inferior 3s 6d to 4s 6d, medium 5s to 7s, choice 8s to 9s a gincase.

Pines.—Common, 4s to 5s, choice 5s 6d; Queens, 5s to 6s 6d per case.

Grapes.—Black Hamburgs, 1½d to 2d; choice 2½d; Muscats, 2d to 4d; White Sherry, 1½d to 2d; Black Prince, 2d; choice, 2½d to 3d per lb.; Adelaide Crystals, 6s 6d to 7s; Muscatels, 7s to 7s 6d per case.

Plums.—Hobart, 3s to 3s 6d; local and Melbourne, 2s 6d to 3s per quarter-case.

Passionfruit.—Local, choice, 5s to 6s 6d half-case.

Pears.—Local cooking pears, 2s to 3s; China, 3s to 4s per gincase; Melbourne, Gansells 8s to 11s, others 5s to 7s; Williams 7s to 13s; B.D. Cap, 6s to 7s, Golden Beurrie 6s to 7s 6d per case. Hobart: Choice Gansells 5s 6d to 6s 6d, W.N. 5s to 5s 6d, B.D. Cap 4s to 5s 6d, Williams 6s to 7s per quarter-case.

Bananas.—1s to 2s 6d per bunch, 5s to 7s per case.

Apples.—Dessert, small 4s to 4s 6d, good 5s to 7s, prime 8s to 10s; cooking, 3s to 4s; choice, 5s to 7s a gincase. Tasmanian apples: Scarlets, 8s to 10s; Fannies, 7s to 9s; Crabs, 6s to 8s; Ribstones, 6s to 8s; Adam's Pearmains, 7s to 9s; Alexanders, 5s to 7s; Crow Eggs, 5s to 6s; Alphristones, 5s 6d to 6s 6d. Melbourne: Jonathan, choice, 6s to 8s per case.

Rockmelons.—2s to 3s a gincase.

Tomatoes.—Plentiful. Choice, 4s; prime, 2s 6d to 3s 6d half-case.

Peaches.—Small, inferior, 2s 6d to 4s; good, 6s to 7s; choice clingstones, 8s to 10s a gincase; slipstones, 6s to 9s, choice 10s to 12s a gincase.

Quinces.—Plentiful, 2s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s a gincase.

Persimmons.—2s to 3s; prime, 3s 6d a half-case.

Pomegranates.—3s to 5s a gincase.

Mandarins.—Small green, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; coloured, 5s to 6s per half-case.

Cocoanuts.—7s to 9s per bag.

Walnuts.—Hobart, 5s to 6s per bushel case.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

A. Phillips, Fruit Merchant, Belmore Markets. Country customers liberally dealt with. Fruit and vegetables.—Advt.

S. B. Bond (late Bond and Carroll), 86 Sussex-st., Auctioneers and Produce Salesmen. Anc. s. dly., Redf.—Advt.

R. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

HEATON BROS., Produce Auctioneers, established 30 years. Sales at Redfern every day. Highest prices, prompt returns.—Advt.

BERRY CREAMERY BUTTER.—Sole Agents, South Coast and West Camden Co-op. Co., Ltd.—Advt.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association report that wool sales were held to-day (Wednesday) at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, when the quantity catalogued totalled 2242 bales, and the sales amounted to 3895 bales, as under:—

Name.	Offered.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately ex Catalogue.	Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Hill, Clark, and Co.	80	75	—	64	139
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.	816	787	46	—	833
Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.	440	400	141	866	1,407
John Bridge and Co., Ltd.	906	721	288	507	1,516
	2,242	1,983	475	1,437	3,895

Although a number of buyers have taken their departure for Europe, there was a good attendance for this time of the year. Fair-sized catalogues were submitted, and spirited competition prevailed throughout the sales, the catalogues being practically cleared. A number of extremely good parcels from Queensland were forward, especially in the scoured section, for which demand was very keen. The market may be quoted as very firm, prices showing an advance of about ½d in greasy merino and of fully ½d in scoured (and even more than this for the finer qualities) on the rates ruling at the auctions held three weeks ago. In lambs the advance was still more marked. Crossbreds were very poorly represented, and realised about previous rates.

For a very fine wool of medium length, marked JK over Elsmore over New England, 7½d was secured. Of Moorlands, from Queensland, 13 bales A hoggets and ewes of good staple, dry, but rather dusty, realised 7½d, A ewes and pieces 7½d. G&M over New England made 7½d. This wool was of good quality, but showing a fair amount of skirt and yolk. In scoureds, the top price of the day was 16½d, this price being secured for the first combing of a wool marked Westbury, from Queensland, beautifully scoured, well got up, fine, bulky, a bright second combing making 16½d, first clothing 16d, broken 15½d, and pieces 15d. E. Powel over EPl over Forest Park, from Queensland, sold to 15d for five bales. This parcel was of fine quality, bulky, bright, and in fairly good condition. A small lot marked TM over Foliview, also from Queensland, made 16½d. This wool opened up in good condition, being exceptionally bright and free.

Among the more noteworthy parcels which changed hands may be mentioned the following:—Greasy: MJW, from Cassilis, 15 bales at 7d; Yamburgan, from Queensland, 26 A ewes at 6½d, 37 B ewes at 6½d, 58 broken at 6½d, 39 B ewes at 6d, 11 first pieces at 6d; SV, from Yetman, 9 ewes and wethers at 7½d; JK over Elsmore over New England, 17 wethers, hoggets, and ewes at 7½d; WHM over Clevelands, from Walgett, 12 first and second combing hoggets and wethers at 7½d, 8 first pieces at 7d; AN over O, from Mudgee, 14 at 6½d; JAC over Roseville, from Merriwa, 9 at 7½d; FWB, from Queensland, 14 at 6d; CRL over R, from Forbes, 17 ewes at 7d; D in square over Grampion Hills, from Dubbo, 7 ewes at 7½d; CUF over B, from Barraba, 12 at 7d; PJP, from Queensland, 27 at 6½d; G & M over New England, 15 at 7½d; WP over L, from Mudgee, 12 wethers and ewes at 6½d; Moorlands, from Queensland, 13 A wethers and hoggets at 7½d, 24 A ewes at 7½d, 35 AA ewes at 6½d, 8 AA hoggets at 7½d, 16 C wethers at 6½d, 23 pieces at 7½d; HSJ, 25 at 6½d; W in diamond, 18 at 6½d; J2 (J reversed) over Meadow Flat, 6 hoggets at 8d; L & GM over New England, 6 at 7½d; HJ (conjoined) over New England, 15 wethers at 7½d.

Scoured: E. Powell over EPl over Forest Park, from Queensland, 5 first combing hoggets, ewes, and wethers at 15d, 7 first combing and clothing at 14½d; JP over Jacondol, from Queensland, 5 first and second combing at 14½d; Umbercollie, from Queensland, 5 first and second combing wethers at 14½d; Westbury, from Queensland, 7 first combing ewes and hoggets at 16½d, 13 second combing ewes and hoggets at 16½d, 11 first clothing ewes and hoggets at 16d, 6 ewe clothing at 13½d, 7 broken ewes and hoggets at 15½d, 5 pieces ewes and hoggets at 15d; JH, from New England, 5 wethers at 14½d; TM over Foliview, from Queensland, 3 hoggets at 16½d, 2 at 15d; Abbadoah over TM, from Queensland, 10 ewes at 15d, 7 hoggets combing at 14½d, 19 first pieces at 14½d.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report.—Furred Skins.—Marsupial skins: At yesterday's auctions catalogues were readily cleared at rates which in the case of kangaroo, wallaby, and wallaroo show a hardening tendency, and all lines were eagerly competed for. Bears' in very strong demand, and prices obtained show a slight rise on previous quotations. Rabbits continue very firm at late rates. Opossumskins: The quality of skins was decidedly better at yesterday's auctions, and prices consequently show a marked improvement on late rates. We quitted our usual catalogue at top rates. Quotations: Kangaroo, best grey, 24d to 36d each; small and inferior, 5d to 23½d; best reds, 23d to 36½d; small and inferior, 2d to 22½d; Wallaroo, 18d to 20d each; seconds, 2d to 17½d; wallaby (scrub), 10d to 17d each; seconds, 1d to 9d; wallaby (swamp), 9d to 14½d; seconds, ½d to 8d; wallaby (rock), 1d to 3d each; bears, 7s to 11s 6d per dozen; seconds, 2s to 4s 6d; hares, 6d to 1s per dozen; rabbits, best, 5d to 6d per lb.; medium, 4½d to 4¾d; inferior, 2½d to 4d; goats, 8s to 10s 6d; seconds, 2s 6d to 7s 6d. Opossums: Super grey, 10s to 12s 6d per dozen; first grey, 7s 6d to 9s 6d; seconds, 5s 6d to 6s 9d; super reds, 9s 6d to 12s 3d per dozen; first reds, 7s 9d to 9s; second reds, 5s to 7s 6d; rumpers, 1s 6d to 5s 1d per dozen; small, 2s to 3s 6d; blacks, up to 2s 6d per dozen.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report—

Furskins.—Considerable numbers of kangaroo and wallaby were available for yesterday's sales; and, as buyers showed a disposition to operate freely, a steady trade was carried on at prices which in many cases represent a slight increase on previous rates. Bear were scarce and in very strong demand at high values. Rabbit also in short supply and wanted. Opossumskins: Buyers are preparing for the winter campaign, and attended in large numbers. Very few good furs were on offer, but all descriptions sold readily at prices fully equal to previous figures. Quotations: Kangaroo, best grey, 24d to 36d each; small and inferior, 3d to 23½d; best red, 24d to 36½d; small and inferior, 4d to 23½d; wallaroo, 15d to 22½d; seconds, 2d to 14½d; wallaby, scrub, 9d to 17d; seconds, ½d to 8½d; swamp, 8d to 14½d; seconds, 1d to 7½d; rock, 1d to 2½d; goats, 9s to 13s per dozen; seconds, 3s to 6s 6d; bears, 6s to 11s; seconds, 3s to 5s 6d; hares at 6d; rabbits, 4½d to 6½d per lb.; opossumskins, grey, 5s 6d to 12s 6d per dozen; ramped, 1s 9d to 6s 8d; small, 2s to 4s 9d; red, 4s 6d to 12s 9d; black, 15s to 20s 6d.

PROPERTY SALES.

Hardie and Gorman, in conjunction with Mr. R. H. Inglis, sold at Camden on Tuesday the whole of the extension of the town of Camden subdivision, comprising section 11, of the Camden Park Estate. The blocks ranged from about half an acre to one acre, and were sold at from £105 to £30 each block.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 2s 6d to 8s per case; figs, 2s to 3s per half-case; grapes, 3s to 10s per case; oranges, 12s 6d to 14s per case; lemons, 17s 6d to 20s per case; watermelons, 1s to 3s per dozen; rockmelons, 1s to 5s per dozen; peaches, 4s to 12s per case; pears, culinary, 3s to 4s per case; pears, dessert, 4s to 8s per case; plums, 3s 6d to 4s per case; quinces, 1s 3d to 2s per case.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report:—Fat cattle: 515 yarded, 100 from the North, 100 from the South-east, and the remainder local. A small proportion prime, the bulk medium. In consequence of the smaller supply, there was a general advance in values, but the demand was weak at the closing sales. Prime beef, 22s 6d. Thirty cattle unsold. We sold 150 cattle. Sheep: 11,600 forward, principally second classes. Competition weaker, prices lower; 2000 unsold; 1300 to graziers and shippers. Prime merino wethers, 11s to 12s 6d; prime ewes to 10s 6d; prime crossbreds, 12s to 14s. We sold 1900 sheep.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Live Stock market to-day 1130 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 300 from New South Wales, 450 from north-eastern, Upper Murray, and Goulburn Valley districts, 250 from Gippsland, 80 from the westward, and 50 from northern and north-western districts. The supply consisted chiefly of second to good qualities, with a fair proportion of prime. Although the favourable change had a steadying effect upon the market, yet prices fluctuated somewhat, but on the whole no material alteration from last week's rates can be quoted, closing slightly better. Quotations: Prime pens bullocks, £9 5s to £11; extra ditto, £12 15s to £13 17s 6d; good ditto ditto, £7 5s to £8 10s; second and lighter, £5 15s to £6 15s; inferior and light weight steers from £4; prime pens cows, £6 10s to £7 5s; extra ditto ditto, £7 17s 6d to £8 10s; good ditto ditto, £5 to £6; others from £3 10s. 250 fat calves penned, and realised fully last week's rates. Quotations: Prime steers and heifers, 50s to 70s; prime calves, 43s to 55s; prime small calves, 25s to 43s; others from 15s.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat market to-day prices ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies, 22s to 23s per 100lb.; medium, 19s to 20s; prime forequarters, 16s; medium, 14s to 15s; prime hindquarters, 28s to 30s; medium, 25s to 26s. Sheep, prime wethers, 2½d per lb.; prime ewes, 1¾d lb.; lambs, prime, 8s 6d to 9s 6d each; medium, 6s to 7s. Veal, prime large vealers, 2½d per lb.; prime small vealers, 2½d; small calves, 1½d and 2d per lb. Pork, prime small porkers, 5d per lb.; prime large pigs, from 80lb. to 100lb., 4½d to 4¾d lb.; bacon pigs, 3½d to 4d.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held yesterday. It was reported that the revenue from July 1, 1897, to March 26, 1898, was £186,201 0s 4d, being an increase of £14,698 18s 4d on the previous period. The average daily consumption of water for last week was 19,523,000 gallons. It was decided that the board should inspect the Nepean and Cataract dams to-day. It was resolved to lay a 36in. steel main from Park-road to Rennie-street, Paddington, in connection with the Centennial Park Reservoir. The tenders of Messrs. Davies, Shephard, and Co. for gun metal, brass, and fittings; J. Newland, indiarubber; W. Wells, old tools; and F. S. White, 500 split posts and 1000 split rails, for the Sewage Farm, Botany, were accepted. Alderman Davis referred to a paragraph in the "Herald" on 25th instant referring to sewer connections in Leichhardt and Balmain. He did not see why any but licensed plumbers should be engaged. It was agreed not to make any change in the arrangements. The engineer's recommendation to provide sewerage facilities at the corner of Ernest and Miller streets, North Sydney, was adopted.

QUEENSLAND NEWSPAPER RATES.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was less business in the Mining market yesterday, but the feature was the all-round improvement in prices of Western Australian gold companies' shares. Coal and silver stocks were quiet, and without any business. North Nymagee was the only copper company dealt in, shares fetching a better price. Amongst local gold stocks Mount David reported an improved yield, but shares did not maintain their late value. There were no special features in respect to Queensland lines.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Newcastle	—	9/12/6
Stockton	—	4/
Vale of Clwydd	—	7/
Wallsend	19/15/	20/5
Wickham and Bullock Island	9/3	9/9
Ditto, new	4/6	5/
Ditto, pref., 41 paid	21/	—
COPPER.		
Burra Burra, paid	—	6d
Girilambone	10/6	11/6
Great Cobar	55/	—
Lake George Mines	—	22/6
Lake George Nth. Mines	9d	1/
Nth. Nymagee	2/11	3/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	11/6	13/
Ditto, new	—	9/
Broken Hill Proprietary	43/	43/6
Block 10	—	67/
Block 14	22/9	—
B.H. Junction	—	35/
Junction Consolidated	—	9d
North Broken	4/9	5/3
North Central	—	3d
B.H. South	—	11/
Ditto, con.	—	9/6
Overflow	—	4/11
Ditto, con.	—	3/6
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek	—	8/3
Baker's Creek Consols	—	1/9
Birthday, pd.	5d	6d
Cobar Great Western	2/6	3/1
Cobar Mining	1/	—
Falkner's	5/2	5/9
Mount David, paid	2/6	2/8
Mt. Drysdale	2/	2/5
Mount Galban	4½d	6d
Parkes G.M. and Q.C.	—	2/
Peak Hill	—	1/6
Ditto, con.	—	1/3
Star Lead, No. 1	2/3	2/9
Ditto, con.	—	2/3
Sunlight	3/6	4/6
Victory Forest Reefs	5/	6/
West Sunlight	—	2/6
Ditto, con.	—	2/3
VICTORIA.		
Black Horse	20/	—
Star of East	—	24/
QUEENSLAND.		
Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, &c.	7/9	—
Kelly's Queen Block, paid	15/	—
Mt. Morgan	—	86/
North Smithfield	—	41/
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	73/3	75/
Boulder Central	12/6	—
Boulder Consols, No. 1	3/9	3/10
Boulder Half-mile South	1/10	—
Boulder North Extended	5/	—
Brookman's Boulder	29/	31/
Brown Hill Junction	—	4/4
Chaffer's	4/5	6/
Golden Bar	—	1/6
Golden Horseshoe	7/0/	—
Great Boulder	19/6	22/6
Ditto Main Reef	29/	31/6
Great Boulder No. 1	16/	17/
Great Boulder Perseverance	58/	66/
Hannan's Block 45	—	5/9
Hannan's Central Extended	—	2/6
Hannan's Crœsus	5/	—
Hannan's Eureka	—	1/3
Hannan's Paringa	7/6	9/3
Hannan's Pride of the Valley pd.	1/	—
Imp. Boulder	2/6	3/6
Ivanhoe	95/	—
Ivanhoe Sth. Extended	—	7/
Ivanhoe Junction	—	1/3
Kalgoorlie Bank of England	32/6	35/
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	4/6	5/6
Kalgoorlie Mint	13/9	—
Kalgurli	95/	5/10/
Kalgurli N'th	32/	34/6
Kalgurli So'th	40/	44/
Lake View Consols	9/5/	10/0/
Lake View Extended	15/	22/
Lake View South, paid	22/	25/
Menzies Kensington	1/5	1/11
Queensland Menzies, paid	13/	13/9

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Copper: North Nymagee, 3s, 3s 1d. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 9d; No. 5 North Phœnix, 11s 6d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 13s 6d. Noon—Copper: North Nymagee, 3s. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 7½d, 2s 7d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 10d, 3s 10d; Queen Central, paid up, 3s 9d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 4s 9d; North Kalgurli, 33s 6d. Afternoon—Copper: North Nymagee, 3s. Gold: Great Boulder Main Reef, 29s 3d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Gold: Victoria United, 3s 6d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 10d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 29s 6d.

The Victory Charters Towers G. M. Company has treated 640 tons tailings by the cyanide process for a return of 329oz. of bullion, valued at £560.

COBAR GREAT WESTERN.

Yesterday the sixth half-yearly ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Cobar Great Western Gold-mining Company, N.L., was held at 82 Pitt-street, Mr. Russell Barton presiding. The directors' report stated that during the half-year ended February 28 last 1320 tons of stone had been crushed for 1105·814oz. standard gold, and two dividends of 3d per share each had been distributed. Since the close of the half-year there had been a clean-up of 400 tons of stone for a yield of 291oz. 17dwt. bar gold. The credit balance at the bank on February 28 was £700 18s 1d. The report further stated that there was a considerable accumulation of tailings and slimes at the mine, forming a valuable asset, which would be dealt with as soon as the best method of treatment had been determined upon. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the meeting closed.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

There was a good market to-day on 'Change, and business of good extent passed. Sales and quotations were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 43s 3d, 43s 6d, buyer 43s 6d, seller 44s; Menzies' Barossa, 3s, 3s 4½d, 3s 3½d, buyer 3s 3d, seller 3s 4d; Associated Gold Mines, 73s 6d, 74s 6d, 74s, 74s 9d, 74s 6d, buyer 74s 3d, seller 74s 9d; Hannan's Block 45, 4s 7d, 4s 6d, buyer 4s 4d, seller 4s 6d; Boulder Central, 12s 6d, 15s, buyer 12s 9d, seller 13s 3d; Brookman's Boulder, 30s, buyer 29s 6d, seller 30s; Boulder North Extended, 5s, 5s 4d, 5s 3d, buyer 5s 2d, seller 5s 3d; Crown Hill Central, 1s 9d, 1s 10½d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s; Crœsus Proprietary, 2s 2d, 2s 3d, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 6d; Cumberland, paid, 4s 5d, buyer 4s 3d; ditto, contributing, 4s, 4s 3d, 4s 1d; Chaffer's, 5s 1d, buyer 5s, seller 5s 3d; Great Boulder, 20s 3d, 20s, buyer 20s, seller 20s 6d; Boulder Main Reef, 29s 9d, 30s, buyer 30s, seller 30s 6d; Great Boulder No. 1, 18s 6d, 18s 3d, 18s 6d, buyer 18s, seller 18s 6d; Hannan's Central Extended, 1s 7½d, 1s 7d, 1s 8d, buyer 1s 7½d; Hannan's Crœsus, 5s 10d, 6s, buyer 6s, seller 6s 6d; Imperial Boulder, 2s 11d, 3s 1½d, buyer 3s 1d, seller 3s 3d; Ivanhoe South Extended, 6s 3d, 7s, buyer 7s, seller 7s 3d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 34s 6d, buyer 34s 3d, seller 34s 6d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 5s 1d, buyer 5s, seller 5s 2d; Kalgoorlie Mint, 15s, 15s 3d, buyer 15s 3d, seller 15s 9d; Lady Mary South, 1s 3d, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 4d; Lake View Consols, £9 9s, buyer £9 7s, seller £9 9s; Lake View South, paid, 22s 6d, 23s, buyer 23s; North Kalgurli, 34s, 33s 6d, 33s 9d, buyer 33s 9d, seller 34s; No. 1 North Norseman, new, 1s 11d, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s; Premier South, 1s 7d, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 8d; Princess Royal, paid, 18s, 18s 6d, buyer 18s 6d; ditto, contributing, 17s 6d, 17s 3d, buyer 17s 3d, seller 17s 9d; Queen Margaret, 7s 6d, buyer 7s, seller 8s; Queen Margaret South, 1s 7d, 1s 8d, buyer 1s 8d, seller 1s 10d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 13s, buyer 13s 4½d, seller 13s 9d; Slug Hill Proprietary, 4d, 4½d, buyer 4½d, seller 3½d; Three Colonies, contributing, 3½d, seller 4d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Brisbane Stock Exchange sales were:—No. 6 North Phœnix, 3s 8d, 3s 9½d, 3s 9d, 3s 9½d; Wilmot Extended, 1s 5d; Mount Rose and Stockman Junction, 9d; Empress, 7d; Minerva, paid, 6s; South-west Minerva, paid, 11½d; ditto, contributing, 8d, 7½d.

An Eidsvold report states that the Minerva mine is opening out from the underlie, 62ft. off the shaft. The quartz is authentically reported to be the richest yet obtained in the mine. The company is sending about 100 tons to the battery. The mine up to the present has been looking on an average better than ever.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Block 10 mill last week treated treated 2269 tons crudes, yielding 492 tons concentrates, worth about 28oz. silver, 62·29 per cent. lead, 8·38 per cent. zinc. The week's despatches totalled 568 tons concentrates, leaving a balance on the local ore floors of 1403 tons. A parcel of 9000 tons concentrates has lately been disposed of. 4000 tons of this lot will be despatched to Dry Creek, and the balance shipped direct to Europe, probably in 500-ton parcels weekly. Underground the stopes everywhere are looking well, maintaining a fair average value. Kelly's south drive at the 615ft. level still continues mixed and disturbed.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Five tons of stone from the Penrose reef, at Yulgilbar, yielded 55oz. 3dwt. gold.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Smith reports:—The Orient Tribute has crushed 278 tons of stone for a yield of 332oz. gold. Sales: Orient Tribute, 4s 11d, 5s; Great Eastern No. 1 North, 3s 11½d; Great Eastern No. 1 South, 16s 8d; Great Eastern No. 2 South, 39s 9d, 40s 8d; New Zealand, No. 1 North, 11½d, 1s; North Oriental, 8d; Oriental No. 1 North, 4s, 3s 11½d; Phœnix No. 6 North, 3s 10d.

To-night's quotations:—Columbia and Smithfield, seller 16s 6d, buyer 15s 9d; Phœnix No. 5 North, seller 11s 6d, buyer 11s 3d; Columbia Consolidated, paid, seller 3s, buyer 2s 6d.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Clifton, seller 3s; Colebrook, seller 2s; Hercules, buyer 22s, seller 23s 6d; South Hercules, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s; Mount Black Proprietary, seller 5s; Mount Lyell, buyer £13, seller £13 10s; Glen Lyell, buyer 1s, seller 1s 3d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 22s, seller 23s 6d; Mount Read, buyer 14s, seller 14s 9d; Oonah, seller 7s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 6s, seller 7s 9d; Silver Queen, buyer 5s 3d, seller 5s 9d.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

The Lake View Consols has arranged to take some surplus water from the Boulder Consolidated mine. At the Golden Horseshoe active preparations for the erection of the new machinery are in progress, and some of the plant has been landed on the mine. The Golden Link mine's main shaft at the north-east corner of the ground, 100ft. from the north boundary and 52ft. from the east boundary, is now 500ft. deep. Ever since the 300ft. was reached the strata in this shaft have been underlying west. This shaft's surface-level is 20ft. lower than the Lake View Consols shaft, so that 500ft. in the Golden Link shaft is equal to 520ft. in the Lake View Consols, and presuming that the lode follows the strata, it must soon be seen in the Golden Link shaft. The country rock is hard diorite. This will be carried down with speed to 500ft., but in the north-east shaft a chamber will be cut immediately, and a crosscut put into the west boundary of the Golden Link mine. No crosscut will be put east until greater depth has been attained. Running through the western portion of this ground is an immense lode 104ft. wide, which has been opened to a depth of 145ft., but the lode is very poor oxidised ore, and is considered to be the same lode as that proved west of the main or No. 3 shaft in the Boulder Perseverance mine. In the upper level of the Perseverance this lode is poor, but at 300ft. deep it is proved to be 25ft. wide and rich sulphide. The crosscut which the manager of the Golden Link is shortly to commence at the 500ft. level will certainly cut this lode. At the Great Boulder mine the new boilers and machinery are being installed, as there is not sufficient power to drive the requisite number of drills. In the Lake View South the drives north and south from the crosscut east of the main shaft at 300ft. have been discontinued, as the lode shows a tendency in the north face to go west. Drives on the course of the lode west of the shaft at the same level are being put in north and south. The ore body is of fair size, about 2ft. to 3ft. of good payable sulphide rock, over 1oz. in value. The crosscut to the west at the same level is in 87ft., and has just passed through 3ft. of sulphide ore, assaying 19 to 25 dwt. per ton. The rock-drills are working in all the faces. The Lake View East shaft has struck a heavy body of water at 335ft., amounting to 15,000 gallons daily. The Boulder Consols' No. 1 underlay shaft is 200ft. deep. The shaft is on the hanging wall of the Trafalgar lode, and a crosscut is being put in east to cut the footwall, which in the Trafalgar is rich. On the Trafalgar mine the poppet heads will be put in position in 10 days. The main shaft is down 75ft. and timbered, work being proceeded with by the aid of a whip. The drive north from the 200ft. level, towards the main shaft, carries a full face of high grade sulphide ore. In the North Boulder mine the 145ft. level is looking wonderfully well. The machinery is all lying on the ground. The face of Brookman's Boulder north drive continues marvellously rich. This mine is developing well. The Associated Gold Mines' Australia lease has the 80ft. poppet heads on top of the hill over the main shaft completed. The rich lode in the winze still shows veins of telluride crystals 3in. to 4in. thick. In the Australia East the lode at 200ft. deep shows bunches of rich telluride amid oxidised ore.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange quotations were:—Tasmania, buyer £3 15s, seller £4 2s 6d; North Tasmania, buyer 3s, seller 5s; Oonah, buyer 6s 6d, seller 8s; Silver Queen, buyer 4s 9d; Colebrook, buyer 14s, seller 17s; Clifton, seller 4s; Clifton Extended, buyer 4d, seller 9d; Cutty Sark, buyer 6s 1d, seller 6s 4d; Hercules, buyer 23s, seller 23s 6d; Mount Lyell, buyer £13, seller £13 12s; Central Lyell, seller 1s 6d; Crown Lyell, buyer 7s; ditto, paid, buyer 8s; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s; Lyell Reserve, buyer 10s 6d, seller 14s; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 20s; South Lyell Tharsis, buyer 4s; Western, seller 2s; West Extended Lyell, buyer 7d; ditto, paid, buyer 8d, seller 11d; Primrose, buyer 10s, seller 14s; Red Hills, buyer 3s; North Copper, seller 5s; Mount Read, buyer 13s 6d, seller 15s; Brothers Home No. 1, seller 4s 6d; Briseis Tin, buyer 7s 9d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £38 5s, seller £38 10s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

There was a fairly active business in mining companies to-day. B. H. Junction sold at 34s; Lake George Mines, 21s; North Mount Lyell, 57s, 58s; Mount Lyell, £13, £13 12s; Crown Lyell, 7s 11d, 7s 7½d, 9s 1½d, 8s 9d; Glen Lyell, 1s, 11d; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 11½d, 1s 1½d; Hercules, 22s 6d, 23s; Lyell Tharsis, 23s 6d, 24s 3d; Mount Lyell Consols, paid, 7s 6d; Mount Lyell Extended, 11s, 12s; North Crown Lyell, 1s 7d; North Tasman Lyell, 3s 6d; Prince Lyell, 1s 7d; Queen Lyell, paid, 2s 3d; South Tharsis, 5s 6d, 6s; Tasman Lyell, 70s; Mount Lyell Comstock, £19 10s; Associated Gold Mines, 72s, 74s 6d; Queen Margaret, 7s; Tindal's, 1s; Band and Albion Consols, 3s, 3s 6d; Berry Consols Extended, 31s; Cardigan, 14s 6d, 15s; Glen Fyne Estate, 11s 9d; Spring Hill Central, 23s 6d; Chalk's No. 3, 13s 3d, 13s 6d; Great Northern Consols, 14s 6d; Great Northern Extended, 25s; Great South Long Tunnel, 1s 10d, 1s 11d; Long Tunnel Extended, £26 15s; Victor's Quartz, 10s.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The Golden Fleece Company in sinking the main shaft has broken through into the 218ft. level. The south shaft has been sunk 100ft., and they are crosscutting east and west in search of the eastern reef. The Currajong company has extended the crosscut 20ft. west of the shaft at a depth of 326ft. Twenty tons of ore are paddocked. The Union company is sinking a winze from the 150ft. level on mineralised ore. A trial parcel of 11cwt. has been treated at Sully's works for a yield of 2½oz. gold. The Junction mine has treated seven tons of mineralised ore at Sully's works for an average yield of 7oz. 3dwt. 17grs. A great quantity of similar ore is in sight. One hundred tons of seconds have been paddocked. The Union tributors are stoping rich ore at the 100ft. level, and also sinking a winze from the 150ft. level. Five tons of ore have been despatched to Dapto.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Brilliant Company, C.T., 6d.
Moonstone Consols, C.T., 3d.
Great Northern Extended, Rutherglen, March 31, 2s.
Chalk's Junction, Carisbrook, March 31, 1s 6d.
Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, March 31, 1s.
No. 3 North Phœnix, Gympie, March 31, 9d.
Slate Reef, Bendigo, March 31, 3d.
Great Southern, Bendigo, March 31, 1s 6d.
New Moon, Bendigo, March 31, 6d.
Victoria Reef Quartz, Bendigo, March 31, 6d.
Mount Lyell, Tasmania, April 1, 4s.
Queensland Menzies, W.A., April 15, 6d.
B. H. Proprietary, April 29, 1s 6d.
B. H. South, April 29, 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie, 1402 tons, 3161oz.
Junction Mine, Wyalong, 7 tons, 50oz. 4dwt. 19gr.
Mount David Gold-mining Company, Rockley, 380 tons, 251oz.
New Bushman's Hill Gold-mining Company, Parkes (including 80oz. 10dwt. from cyanide), 692 tons, 386oz. 16dwt.
Orient Tribute, Gympie, 278 tons, 332oz.
Penrose Reef, Yulgilbar, 5 tons, 55oz. 3dwt.
Queensland Menzies, W.A., 60 tons, 312oz.
Union Company, Wyalong, 11cwt., 2oz. 10dwt.
Brilliant Block, C.T., 580 tons, 470oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Baker's Creek Consols Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Hillgrove, fortnight ended March 17.—No. 4 winze on Baalgammon reef total depth 41ft. Reef is 3in. wide, showing fair gold. Drive on Baalgammon reef, No. 2 level, has been extended 12½ft. The reef is about 6in. wide, carrying a little gold. Stopes on Smith's reef, in Nos. 1 and 2 levels, are looking fair.

Ballarat of New South Wales Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Orange, March 29.—Influx of water considerably decreased; total depth of shaft, 165ft.

Baker's Creek Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Hillgrove, week ended March 19.—The stopes back of No. 8 level on Smith's reef, and back of Nos. 5 and 6 levels on the big reef, carry medium quality stone. The remainder of stopes are poor.

Dora Reward, Tasmania, March 26.—Shaft down 17ft. in hard schistose formation; ore quite equal to last report. Last sinking hole disclosed more native copper. Tunnel in 39ft.; country hard schist, showing iron and splashes of copper pyrites.

North Hercules, Mount Read, March 29.—50ft. contract completed and fresh contract of 100ft. let. Total distance No. 1 adit, 392ft. Hard bar of ground, carrying little pyrites, making progress rather slow.

No. 1 Curtin and Davis, Dundas, March 22.—Lode keeps about same, yielding fair quantity marketable ore of good average quality; second parcel of 7 tons being sampled and made ready for packing out.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, week ended March 26.—South drive at 700ft. level, total 286ft. from crosscut; no change whatever in drive; continuing to keep in hard diorite bar, which makes driving very slow. North drive at 850ft. level, total 126ft. from shaft. Drive keeps in very promising looking country, but nothing of any importance has yet been met with.

North Tasmania Mining Company, No Liability, Tasmania, fortnight ended March 24.—200ft. level, total from shaft 50ft.; struck a crosscourse. Will have to drive a little distance on this to pick up lode. East level, total 34ft. All other work below will be suspended until shaft is down required depth.

Peak Hill Proprietary Gold-mining Company, No Liability, March 28.—Sinking of winze from 450ft. level retarded by rather heavy soakage, but is now down 71ft.; rise from 565ft. level to meet it is up 25ft., only 4ft. remaining to break through. Ten head of stampers running on ore from 565ft. level, and five head on concentrates.

Pride of the Goulburn Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Ten Mile, March 23.—Reef in stope over No. 2 level small, little gold. Stopes over No. 3 level: Reef averages 6in., fair gold. Underhand stope below No. 3 reef 9in., good payable gold. No. 4 level, north from winze: Reef 9in., little gold. South end formation 2½ft. wide, bottom portion carrying fair gold. No. 4 tunnel: Total, 289ft.; quartz in face carries little gold by dish prospecting. Battery crushing 12 hours per day. Plates looking well. Will clean up between 70 and 80 tons on 1st proximo.

United Brothers Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Glen Wills, March 21.—No. 3 level: Main shaft, total 136ft. South drive: Total, 399ft.; lode 12in., nipped through wall coming from east; open again shortly. North drive: Total, 337ft. South winze: Total, 8ft.; lode, 2ft., payable. Smile winze: 10ft.; lode, 18in., payable. Stopes north: No. 6 extended 20ft.; lode, 18in. South stopes: Nos. 3, 4, 8, and 9 extended 50ft.; lode averages 13in. Sent to mill 131 tons stone for week.

Victory Forest Reefs Gold-mining Company, March 28.—Finished north-east drive through to shaft, 60ft., and completed truck road. Continued No. 3 south-east. Total distance now in 126ft. Started blocking out 20ft. west of No. 3 south-east, 85ft. from main west drive. Driving south from truck road in north-east drive; wash 3ft. in face.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

A. G. JENKINS.—On the Premises, Camoola, Walsh's-avenue, Randwick, at 11, Furniture, Pictures, E.P. Ware, Piano, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—On the Premises, 185 King-street, Newtown, at 11, Stock-in-Trade, Fixtures, Fittings, Showcases, Drapery, Clothing, &c.

H. W. BROOK and CO.—On the Premises, 22 Nithsdale-street, at 11, Furniture, Toiletware, Blankets, &c.

J. R. LAWSON.—On the Premises, Blytheswood, Lane Cove-road, Turramurra, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, Bookcase, Pianoforte, &c.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Boots, Shoes, Quilts, Macintoshes, &c.

A. HARVEY and CO.—At the Chamber of Commerce, at 2.30, Teas.

G. CLEAVE.—On the Premises, 31 Hunter-street, at 11, Furniture, Toilets, Blankets, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Sundries; at 2, Clothing, Boots, blankets, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hair, Horns, Bones; at the Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Circular Quay Stores, Hair, Horns, Bones; at the Exchange, at 3, Wool.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL PRODUCE COMPANY.—At the Exchange, at 3, Wool.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

J. R. LAWSON.—On the Premises, Blytheswood, Lane Cove-road, Turramurra, at 11, Park Phaeton.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs, &c.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At Flemington, at 3, Calves.

DALWOOD and CO.—At 31 Glebe-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, &c.; at their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Pianoforte, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. COWAN.—At the Naval Yard, Garden Island, at 3, Steam Crane, Steam Yacht, &c.

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AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ORANGE, Wednesday.

The annual show was opened to-day with splendid weather and a good attendance of visitors. The entries numbered 1820, being 500 more than last year. The talk of the show was the excellence of the fruit and farm produce, which surpass in quality other recent show exhibits. The Agricultural Department's special prize of £12 for wheat provoked spirited competition, no less than 20 entries requiring careful adjudication. Eventually P. Slattery's three bushels, each weighing over 67lb., gained the coveted award. The same department's prize of £12 for fruit was won by W. Spurway with a tip-top collection. Orange does not shine in blood and draught stock; but miscellaneous horses were good. The trotting contests deservedly elicited applause. The first heat was won by J. Swindels' Nada after a close finish with Dr. Slate's Silver Cloud, which conceded 20 seconds. The second heat was won by H. Knight's Peril, which lost the final to Nada off the same mark by a neck. The jumping event will be finished on Thursday. At present Loch Marie, Lawyer, and Stella are level with 28 points each. The Agricultural Department contributed an attractive collection of farm produce. The prize for the best lady rider was divided between Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Guinan. Sheep were excellent, but most of them were identical with the Bathurst exhibits. Springfield Estates won the championship for merino ram, and James Lee the same honour for merino ewe. Fat sheep were phenomenally good, and the pigs exhibited would do credit to any show. The following are some of the leading awards:—

Draught horse, A. Wise, Isaac Bates; blood horse, A. Wise; mare, A. Edye; farm stallion, W. Warren, J. Davis; pony stallion, W. Sherringham, R. Slessar; draught mare, J. Davis, A. Brooks; coaching mare, J. Cornwall, J. Lawler; blood filly, T. Moroney; colt, A. Edye; yearling filly, N. Dalton; draught colt, J. Davis; filly, A. Edye; coaching colt, N. Dalton, J. Lawler; filly, N. Dalton; sulky horse, Dr. Cruise, C. Pickworth; buggy horse, J. King, Dr. Cruise; buggy pair, Dr. Cruise, C. Pickworth; heavy hackney, Dr. Cruise, E. Frost; light hackney, A. T. Kerr, A. Herrick; lady's hackney, G. Montgomery, W. Watt; cart horse, G. F. Fish, Mrs. Hamer; buggy pair, 14 hands, H. Newman, H. Witts; buggy pair, 14 hands, J. M'Clair, H. Newman. In the merino sheep competition this was restricted to James Lee and the Springfield Estate, and the honours were divided. In farmers' sheep Richardson and Wallace scored every time. Berkshire boar, J. Ryan; sows, T. Ellard. Farm produce: Best three bushels of wheat, P. Slattery, H. Thomas; collection, C. Gaden; potato oats, Eason; tartarian oats, W. Marriott; barley, W. Ling; rye, A. Cantrell; maize, J. Bates.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The show opened to-day in brilliant weather. The dry season was responsible for a great falling-off in exhibits. The Hazeldean Estate did not show sheep this time. Cattle, except dairy, were poor. The entries in sheep were moderate. Dogs and poultry were good. The fruit exhibits were fine. Farm produce was of good quality, but there were small entries. Mr. J. L. Thompson, of the Agricultural Department, judged. The jumping was up to the average. The attendance was good for the first day. The following are the awards:—

Sheep: Estate of the late David Ryrie, first for strong combing merino ram, any age, ewe under 2, fine combing ram under 2, ewe under 9 months, woolbrokers' prize for hogget ram, also champion ram and ewe; second for strong combing ewe under 2 years and under 9 months, fine combing ram under 9 months. J. C. Ryrie, jun., first for strong combing ram under 2 years and under 9 months, ewe under 9 months, fine combing ram under 9 months, wool selling brokers' prize for ewe hogget. Selectors' classes: John Jardine, all prizes except one; E. and G. Hain. Cattle: Durham bull, estate of the late D. Ryrie, Bolairo Estate. Ayrshire bull, heifer, Jersey bull, dairy cow, George Rolfe. Jersey heifer, F. Blaxland. Dairy bull, heifer, estate of the late D. Ryrie. Fat ox, Geo. Rolfe. Fat cow, Litchfield Brothers, fat Durham ox, Bereford ox. Poultry, J. Dawson. Wyandotte, Paul Garratt. Plymouth rocks, variety game, Pekin ducks, geese, J. Cornett. White leghorns, H. M'Manus. Brown leghorns, W. H. Shaw. British black game, L. Gear. Colonial black game, L. M'Lean. Bantams, G. Shields. Rouen ducks, turkeys, C. Miller. Other ducks, collection of farm produce, Cape barley, M. Murray. White wheat, J. R. Freebody. Red wheat, skinless barley, potatoes, oats, J. W. Neuss. Tartarian oats, lucerne, chaff, farm roots, Glen. Murray, W. Paske. Maize, H. Mawson. Oaten and wheaten chaff, oaten hay, J. Shields. Lucerne hay, J. Feilon. Collection sugar beet, collection tomatoes, fruit: T. Scott. Best collection, and several other prizes, E. Read. Baking apples, dessert apples, E. Hewson.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The thirty-first annual exhibition of the Clarence P. and A. Society was opened to-day by Mr. John See, M.L.A., who congratulated the society on the successful show, which has a larger number of exhibits than any previous ones. The weather was showery, but the attendance was fair for the opening day.

D. S. Cowan's Border Chief took the prize and champion for the best draught stallion, and T. Timbs's Blossom the same awards for draught mare. T. Leonard's Nugget prize and champion award for plough horse. The other horse classes and cattle sections are not yet judged. There was a good show of poultry, R. H. White being the chief prize taker for cochins; J. Douglas in langshans, minorcas, andalusians, wyandottes, and leghorns; C. Elphick, dorkings; Mrs. A. Everingham, Australian game; Miss Hildred, malays. In pigs P. Kritsch took the Department of Agriculture's special prize for pig for bacon-making purposes with Berkshire and Poland China cross. There was a fine display of farm produce, the magnificent collection of E. E. Crispin being a prominent feature in the pavilion. The same exhibitor took nearly all the prizes in maize, which was well represented. J. Duggan took several prizes for chaff, the exhibits in which were particularly good. J. Eggins for new potatoes. Sugar-cane made an attractive display, A. Eggins taking 10 prizes and F. L. Schafer 14, T. Hadfield also taking several awards in these classes. H. A. Volckers and T. Englert were the chief prize-winners in vegetables. In the fruit section E. E. Crispin took prizes for oranges, S. Feare for bananas, D. M'Phee and Andy Crispin for pineapples, Mrs. C. S. Connor and Mrs. W. Hann were most successful in flower exhibits. In manufactures, D. M'Phee took the prize for arrowroot, W. Ford for collections of pickles and bottled fruits. Mrs. Hann jams and confectionery, T. H. Lees for separator butter. C. Schwinghammer took six awards in saddlery and harness. In farm implements Martin and Co., Sydney, took prizes for horse-power corn-sheller and collection of farm implements; Waugh and Josephson for collection of dairy implements; H. V. Bale for plough and corn planter. There was keen competition between the local firms in coachbuilding and wheelwrighting. J. Roberts, South Grafton, took the prize for road waggon; T. Morrissey, South Grafton, for road dray, butcher's cart, buggy, and heavy sulky; C. Page the prizes for farm dray, springvan, and light sulky; P. Kritsch for single buggy. In the fine arts section Stevenson secured most awards. J. Chisholm's Blossom was awarded the special prizes offered by the Department of Agriculture for cow giving the greatest amount of butter fat in 24 hours, and by the Fresh Food and Ice Company for the best butter-producing cow. Blossom gave 41lb. milk, testing 4·5, which yielded 2·16lb. butter. P. Murphy's Primrose was second with 36lb., test 4, yielding 1·87lb. butter. Much interest was taken in the jumping classes, J. G. Connor's Firefly negotiating the leaps well. The awards are not yet made. There was a very large entry in the hackney classes.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

The Tamworth Show was continued to-day in beautiful cool weather. There was a record attendance. Mr. A. J. Gould, Minister for Justice, officially opened the exhibition at noon, accompanied by Mr. A. B. Piddington, M.L.A. In his opening speech Mr. Gould referred to the progress made by the colony in agricultural production, stating that New South Wales was now within measurable distance of becoming a great exporting colony. Regarding the question of federation, he considered it outside party politics. Every elector should decide upon it for himself. The judging in the various sections was continued.

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3 years or over: D. Duff's Prime Minister. Stallions for producing hackneys and coaching stallion: Peel River Company. Coaching mare: A. Rogers. Blood mare: T. Dowe. Filly, 2 years: C. J. Britten. Draught stallion, J. K. Vickery. Heavy stallion, 2 years; J. Sneddon. Light hackney and lady's hackney: W. A. Gordon. Pair buggy horses: J. A. Hull. Buggy horse under 15 hands: G. Thibault. Buggy horses, pair: W. C. Casey. Buggy horse: W. C. Casey. Buggy ponies, pair: C. Pugh. Maiden hunters: R. Pritchard's Quondong. Maiden high jump: R. Pritchard's Quondong. Champion high jump (keen competition): R. Pritchard's Rattler, 5ft. 7in., 1; J. Dickson's Broker, 2. Lady's high jump: Rattler (Mrs. Stace), 1. In cattle T. Dowe and J. Moore divided the honours. Silver medal, Poultry Club, of N.S.W.: T. Cook, black-red bantam hen.

WEST KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

The seventeenth annual show was opened to-day by Mr. Frank Clarke, M.L.A. The weather was very unsettled and showery. The exhibits total upwards of 2250, being an increase over last year of 750. The exhibits were first-class, and the show of maize and farm and dairy produce exceeded that at all previous shows. Pigs also showed up well. Cattle, of which a large number of entries were made, will be judged to-morrow. There are also large entries for bloods, draughts, and hunters. Good specials were offered for turnouts. A great number of visitors came from Sydney and the neighbouring districts, nearly every Sussex-street firm being represented. Mr. M'Laughlin, M.L.A. for Raleigh, was present at the opening and made a speech, as also did Mr. Pat. Hogan, ex-M.L.A. If the weather is favourable, a record attendance is expected to-morrow and on Friday.

POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. Smithers, S.M., committed Francis Joseph Kennedy, 33, for trial on a charge of stealing in the Magnet Hotel, Goulburn-street, a lady's gold watch, chain, and pencil case, worth £25, belonging to Alice Walker. Hyman Woolf, 32, and Pattie Nelson, 25, were also committed for trial on a charge of stealing a bicycle, 50 razors, &c., valued at £19 10s, belonging to Neil Nelson. The prosecutor deposed he was a hairdresser, and left here in February to go to Western Australia. He arranged with his wife as to her leaving with the family. He was away nearly four weeks, when he returned and found his wife had left her residence. He went to Marshall-street and saw her and Woolf arm in arm. She told him she would live with Woolf and he took the children away from the house. The bicycle and some of the other goods had been sold.

Uncustomed Goods.—At the Water Summons Court Mr. Edwards, S.M., on a charge of being concerned in the unshipping of 4500 cigars on which duty had not been paid, fined four Japanese cabin boys, H. Shimmizh, H. Sehi, S. Katsuo, and T. Kitu £16 17s 6d and costs each.

Theft.—At the Central Police Court yesterday John Johnson, 46, for stealing a water bottle worth 5s from the Royal Hyde Park Hotel was sentenced to three months' gaol.

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TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The weekly meeting of the Transit Commission was held yesterday. The applications of Messrs. S. Fuller and R. Rolfe to run 'buses between Bishopscourt, Randwick, and Circular Quay, were granted. The application of Mr. F. Tuffy to run an additional 'bus between Redfern station and Little Bay Hospital, it being stated there was an increased number of visitors there, was also granted. The city solicitor furnished an opinion in regard to advertising on 'buses. He pointed out that the permission of the council and the commission was necessary. The Registrar reported upon Mr. Sparke's proposal that persons holding 'busowners' licenses should be allowed to drive without obtaining a driver's license. He said the procedure would be difficult to arrange, as many owners were incapable of driving. If the concession was allowed to 'busowners it would also have to be granted to cab and van owners. The change would mean a loss of £305 10s in revenue, and the receipts were only barely sufficient to meet current expenses.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

The following additional examination results have been posted at the University:—

FACULTY OF ARTS.

M.A. EXAMINATION.

Modern History.—Honours: Class II. (alphabetical) S. D. Chalmers, B.A., E. S. Edwards, B.A.
Mental Philosophy.—Passed: D. Wallace, B.A.
English Literature.—Passed: E. W. Cadman, B.A., Lizzie Cocks, B.A.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

Logic and Mental Philosophy.—Honours: Class I., G. G. Nicholson (prize). Class II., E. W. Davies; T. M. Lafferty, E. T. Withycombe—æq.; W. J. Curtis.

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

The Fraser Scholarship for History.—Elizabeth A. Lance, N. G. Pilcher—æq.
History.—Honours: Class I., Elizabeth A. Lance, N. G. Pilcher—æq. Class II., Emily J. Gordon. Class III., Florence Annie Rossiter.
Logic and Mental Philosophy.—Honours: Class I., N. G. Pilcher (medal and prize), Ethel N. De Lissa. Class II., Gertrude Bavin, Nona Dumolo. Class III., E. E. Edwards.

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GOOD HOME, small wages, Catholic family, to useful GIRL, 16, for Wollongong. 71 Mitchell-st., Glebe.

GOOD plain COOK wanted, no washing, personal references. 109 Phillip-st., city.

GARDENER.—Wanted, young MAN, single, with good knowledge of gardening, must be handy with tools and be willing to make himself useful. Apply, enclosing copies of references, to Flora, Herald Office.

HONEST GIRL, light work, sleep at home, 5s. Apply, in first instance, 359 Elizabeth-st.

HOUSE and P. Maid, f.c. station, £35, fare paid, 2 in family, meet squatter 11. 87 Imperial Arcade.

HOUSEMAID.—Wanted, thor. compt. Housemaid. Betw. 11 and 12 o'c., Fri., Nirvana, Elizabeth Bay-rd.

LAD wanted, milk, 10s, found; Boy, farm, 7s, found; useful Boy. 72 Castlereagh-st., Sydney.

LAD (17), station, to learn, start £10, parents' sanction. Eulo House, Blue-st., Lavender Bay.

LAD (16), station, Darling Downs, Queensland, £15, parents sanction. Eulo House, Blue-st., Lav. Bay.

LADY HELP, strong, thoroughly domesticated, wanted, no washing, no cooking. 109 Phillip-st., city.

MRS. Maunsell, 68 Strand, wants Nur. H. M., Eliz. Bay; 2 Cs. and Ls.; Nurse, Pad., sleep home; Girl.

MRS. Hemsley wants Generals, ladies waiting 10.30; H. M., C. and L., city, useful Lad, &c. 131 Strand.

MARRIED Couple, station, as General Servants, cook, bake, do housework between them, £65, leave Friday, passage paid.
Eulo House, Blue-street, Lavender Bay.

NURSE, R.C., 12s, supr.; Prot. Nurse, country, 2 childn.; Cook, Laundress, 16s; Cook, 16s. 76 Hunter-st.

SURPLUS LABOUR LEAGUE.—Meeting, Temperance Hall, TO-NIGHT, 7.30. Members only.

WAITER, experienced, wanted, for club, enclose copies references. Address 430, G.P.O.

WANTED, respectable Nursegirl, about 16, to mind 1 baby. Mrs. Reubenstien, 641 Dowling-st., Moore P.

WANTED, little GIRL, mind baby, sleep home, Newtown pref. Oxford Hotel, Newtown.

WANTED, respectable elderly WOMAN, Cook and Laundress, duties light. Palace Hotel, Watson's Bay.

WANTED, respectable Girl, about 17, as GENERAL. Millais, Cambridge-st., Stanmore.

WANTED, a young competent GENERAL, small family. W. H., P.O., Burwood.

WANTED, a strong BOY, about 16. Presbyterian Church, Newtown.

WANTED, Barmaid, Cooks, H. and P. M., Gen. (hotel), N. Girl, C. and L. Miss Davey, 88 Hunter-st.

WANTED, good GENERAL, no washing; also Nursery H. M. After 10, Armorel, Bondi-rd., n. C.-ch.

WANTED, comp. General Servant, small family, fond children. Thurs. morn., Hylton, Botany-st., R'wick.

WANTED, POWDER MONKEY, experienced, for quarry work, country. R. G. Watkins, 107 Kent-st.

WANTED, a GIRL for housework, honest and clean. 31 Walker-st., North Shore.

WANTED, a reliable MAN. Coal Yard, Circular Quay, opposite Orient Company's Wf., no other.

WANTED, Young Man as Billiard Marker and gen. useful, refs. req. Before 10, Albert Hotel, N. Syd.

WANTED, smart LAD or Young Man to sell pastry. 13 Argyle-st., Miller's Point.

WANTED, Tea and Coffee WAITER. 72 York-st.

WANTED, a strong General Servant, able to cook and wash. Apply 117 Glenmore-rd., Paddington.

WANTED, young General SERVANT, Hampton, 278 Moore Park-rd.

WANTED, TEA WAITER. J. and J. Walker, 31 Park-st.

WANTED, respectable strong GIRL, mind children and assist, ref. After 2 p.m., 585 George-st., city.

WANTED, COOK and LAUNDRESS. Mrs. Tillock, Kimpton, Addison-rd., Petersham.

WANTED, compt. General Servant, refs. req., another girl kept. 145 Dowling-st., Woolloomooloo.

WANTED, General or Lady Help. Meet lady under clock, Redfern station, 10 sharp, Thursday.

WANTED, first-class COOK. Apply between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, Belmont House, 20 Wynyard-square.

WANTED, a light GENERAL. Apply Mrs. Wright, Yandon, Punch-st., off Spit-rd., Mosman.

WANTED, tidy GIRL, mind baby, sleep home, 12s monthly, refs. 24 Ferry-rd., Glebe Point.

WANTED, young Girl, General SERVANT, two in family. After 9, 24 Crown-st., Woolloomooloo.

SATURDAY NEXT.—Attend Sale of Havilah Estate, Chatswood, 3 p.m. Hugh Duff and Co., auctioneers.

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WANTED, young General SERVANT, small family. No. 1 Cleveland-st., Darlington.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, 622 Darling-st., Balmain, home good, ref. Mason, agent, Balmain.

WANTED, a WOMAN, one day a week, to wash and scrub, 2 in family. 55 Yurong-st., nr. Liverpool-st.

WANTED, respectable strong Woman as General Servant. Greenhill's Family Hotel, 120 Goulburn-st.

WANTED, Handy MAN, used to hotel and repairing houses. Gr. National Hot., Elizabeth-st., Paddington.

WANTED, respectable Person as General, no objection with a child. Gr. National, Elizabeth-st., Pad.

WANTED, good Shirt IRONER or Starch IRONER. 96 Duke-st., Woolloomooloo.

WANTED, Useful BOY, 15, sleep at home. Apply 11 o'clock, Dalston, 21 Point Piper-rd., Woollahra.

WANTED, General SERVANT, 457 Oxford-st., Paddington.

WANTED, General. Apply before 10 or after 4 o'clock. 21 Gow-st., near Punch-st., Balmain.

WANTED, middle-aged Cook and Laundress, 12s, no shirts, refs. Mrs. Miller's, 126 Devonshire-st.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, small family, personal ref. 42 Johnston-st., Annandale.

WANTED, House and Parlour MAID, assist sewing or children, refs. Avon, P.O., Ashfield.

WANTED, a respectable, trustworthy General SERVANT. Apply between 9 and 10, 36 Redf.-st., Red.

WANTED, General SERVANT, Protestant, references, small family. 23 Tintern-rd., Sum. Hill.

WANTED, smart youth as PORTER, reliable references. Sweet Bros., Newtown.

WANTED, respectable young GIRL, to nurse baby, 9 o'clock, Metropolitan Hotel, Geo. and Bridge sts.

WANTED, a young GIRL, to assist in housework and mind children. 34 George-st. West.

WANTED, two useful young GIRLS, neat and tidy, refs. 757 George-st., opp. Christ Church, city.

WANTED, respectable person, Nurse and Needlewoman, gd. exp., gd. pers. refs., R. C. 760 Geo.-st.

WANTED, elderly WOMAN, look after home and 3 children. Apply 9 a.m., 92 Cameron-st., Paddington.

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WANTED, NURSEGIRL, aged 14 or 15. Apply with recommendations, to H. H., Post-office, Redfern.

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WANTED, strong General SERVANT. Apply St. Kilda House, Woolloomooloo and Palmer sts.

WANTED, young COOK and Laundress. Apply after 10 o'clock, 64 Macleay-st., Potts Point.

WANTED, good WAITRESS, accustomed to dining-room. 257 Oxford-st.

WANTED, good young General to assist housework. Apply after 9, Mrs. Reynolds, 27 Broadway, Glebe.

WANTED, young GENERAL. Apply after 10, 36 Albemarle-st., Kingston, Newtown.

WANTED, Girl for general housework, sleep at home, wages 5s wk. F. Hoffmann, 2 Regent-st., Newtown.

WANTED, strong GIRL. Apply after 9, Mrs. Garnett, Cambridge-ter., 74 Newtown-rd., facing Univ.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Mrs. Candler, 1½ Botany-rd., Waterloo, near Clifton Hotel.

WANTED, good young GENERAL, references req. Apply La Hogue, Liverpool-rd., Enfield.

WANTED, a smart GIRL, for kitchenwork. Apply Cambridge Dining Rooms, Circular Quay.

WANTED, all-round and Shirt IRONERS. Imperial Laundry, Bay-rd. North Sydney. Fare paid.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT; refs. Apply Bronte, Pile-st., Dulwich Hill.

WANTED, 2 friends for Melbourne line, C. and L. and H. and P. Maid, £50, meet squatter 11. 87 Imp. Arc.

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WANTED a COOK, also a GIRL, to wait at table. 359 Crown-st., Surry Hills.

WANTED, handy NURSEGIRL, sleep home, wages 2s 6d. 7 Regent-st., Paddington.

WANTED, a PARLOURMAID, refs. Apply before 12.
Mrs. FRENCH, Stonehaugh, Upper Dowling-street, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, Lady HELP, must be competent to fulfil all household duties, personal references, servants kept. By letter,
M. B., Post-office, William-street.

WANTED, for Agricultural Show, 6 BOYS, 16 years old, to wear uniform and distribute advertising matter. Apply Merchants'-court, rear 82 Pitt-street, 10 o'clock.

WANTED, competent COOK and Laundress, also House and Parlour Maid; must have references. Mrs. LEONARD KEEP, Wynola, Chalmers-road, Strathfield, top of Redmyre-road.

WANTED, competent PARLOURMAID, references. Apply on Saturday morning, between 10 and 12, to Mrs. MACCORMICK, 125 Macquarie-street.

WANTED, LADY HELP, domesticated, musical, pleasant home, two children. Apply A. WURFEL, Wanona, Dubbo.
Open one week.

WANTED, by Wednesday, April 6th, clean, respectable Woman, as COOK and Laundress, used cook lately; also strong active Girl as House and Parlour Maid. Miss MYLES, Cambria, Abbotsford-road, Homebush.

WANTED, for Pymble, BOY who understands gardening and as general useful. Apply at 11 the morning, at Room 14, 3rd floor, Equitable-building.

WANTED, a superior Girl as GENERAL, no washing, references required. Mrs. NETTLETON, Hazelhurst, Ethel-street, Burwood.

WANTED, Cooks, 18s, 16s; 5 Cks. and Ls., subs.; 4 H. and P's., subs., 5 Gens., subs., Parkes, Young, Dubbo, &c.; young H., to train, Catholic governess, 11 a.m. Mesdames Cox and M'Leod, 126 Strand.

WANTED, Working HOUSEKEEPER and General SERVANT, mother and daughter (country) preferred, wages 17s; open one week. I. L., Herald Office, King-street.

WANTED, a Housemaid and Waitress, 10s, country; a Cook and Laundress, 18s, hotel, country; a Housemaid, do wash, 12s, hotel, country. SIMMONDS, 188 Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, a superior Person as NURSE, between 25 and 35, Roman Catholic, five children, entire charge of baby; meet lady 4 o'clock. WOOD'S Hotel, cr. George and Goulburn streets.

WANTED, Married Couple, for Muswellbrook, man kill, milk, &c., wife C. and L., 3 in fam., meet squatter 11; 10 other Couples, £65 to £75. HITTMANN'S L. A., 87 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, Housemaid, also Waitress, first-class city hotel, 12s, ... H. and P. Md., city hotel, 12s; G. Servant, hotel, 20s, country; 5 H. and P. Mds., sta., 13s, 15s. Hittmann's, 87 Imperial Arcade.

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WANTED, sup. General, no washing, small family, for subs., wages no obj., meet lady 11 a.m.; Female Cook, 25s, hotel, Mountains; Cook and Laund., no baking, 2 in family, 15s, sta.; H. Md. and Laund., 15s, sta.; Cook and Laund., 18s; H. and P. Maid, 15s, same station, still 2 friends. HITTMANN'S L. A., 87 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, smart experienced young Man as Boots for leading hotel, country, 15s, tips; German Cook, 25s, station; Japanese Butler, 14s, station; Indian Laundryman, 20s; Chinese Cook, 25s, station; Japanese Houseman, 15s; Man, groom, drive, milk, 12s; a German Houseman, 15s, station; 2 Milkmen and deliver, 15s, 12s; Farming Man, plough, 15s; a M. C., wife h. and l., man cook, bake, £80, stn. SIMMONDS, 188 Castlereagh-street.

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